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## QUIET ON CANTON FRONT

### SURRENDER OF CITY EXPECTED

From Our Own Correspondent CHUNGSHAN, Apr. 26.—Japanese attempts to recapture Tsanghsia, north of Canton, and Sunkai on the Canton-Hankow Railway have spent their force, and the enemy forces were unable to launch further movement to-day. The front north of Canton has been quiet for the past forty-eight hours.

North of Sunkai, Kwoonyau and Fungchung are swarming with guerilla forces, and Japanese are shutting themselves up within their fortified position, seldom venturing out.

In the West River delta, the Japanese are planning to drive westward from Kongmoon with the object of harassing Tolshan, Hoiping and Kungyick. Previous thrusts along the Sunning railway ended in failure, and 200 cavalrymen were ambushed there.

As a precautionary measure, the people in these three towns have evacuated to the interior. Most of the wealthy residents of these towns are returned emigrants from the United States and Canada.

**JAPANESE WEAKNESS**  
The Japanese full in the Tsengching and Tsanghsia sectors being an indication of their weakness, patriotic Chinese in Canton are ready to co-ordinate in attacks to recapture the city. The posters announcing the return of Chinese troops spell alarm to the puppets and traitors, who seldom appear in public unless protected by Japanese gendarmes.

## ADJUTANT FOR H.K. VOLUNTEERS ARRIVES

Captain E. Thursby, the Shropshire Light Infantry, arrived in the Colony yesterday, by the s.s. Rajputana.

Capt. Thursby has been appointed Adjutant to the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps, who will in future have a regular officer in command as well as an Adjutant appointed from Home.

## Britain's Biggest Battleship

LONDON, April 26 (Reuter).—Britain's biggest battleship will be launched on May 3. She is H.M.S. Prince of Wales and the launching ceremony will be performed by the Princess Royal.

The vessel will carry ten 14-inch guns in three turrets, while particular attention is paid in her construction in regard to protection from aerial bombing, submarines and gunfire.

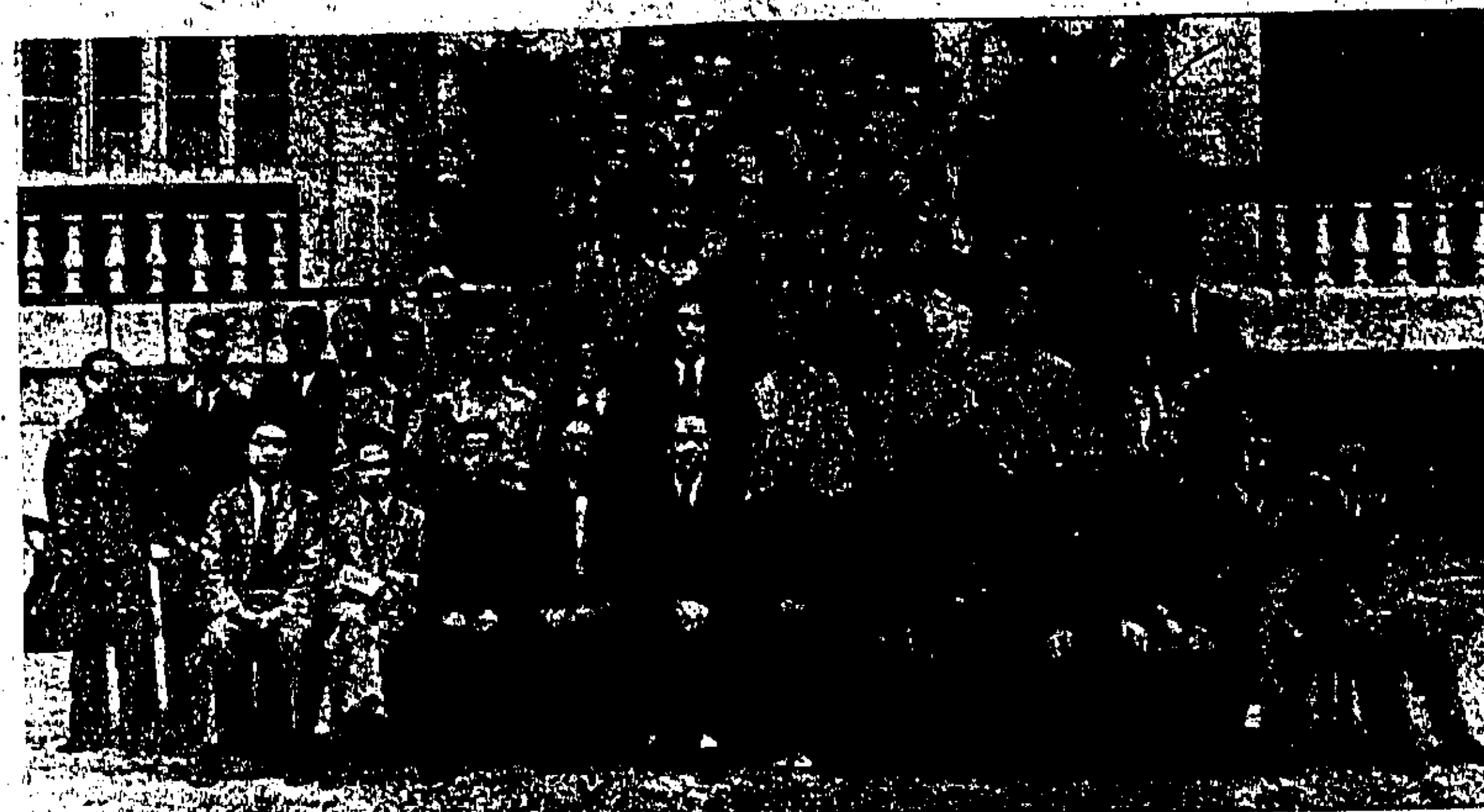
The new vessel will be faster than H.M.S. Nelson and H.M.S. Rodney and she is the sistership of H.M.S. King George V.

H.M.S. Prince of Wales will carry aircraft and secondary sixteen 54-inch guns.

The Soviet Foreign Under-Secretary reached Sofia yesterday for conversations with the Bulgarian Prime Minister. (Reuter).

# CONSCRIPTION BETWEEN AGES OF TWENTY AND TWENTY-ONE ANNOUNCED BY PRIME MINISTER

## Academy Of Journalism



The inauguration of the China Journalists' Academy took place on April 23 at the Chung Hwa Middle School, Caine Road, Hongkong. Sitting in the centre, sixth from the left, is Mr. Hsu Hsi-ying, former Chinese Ambassador to Japan, and Chairman of the China Relief Committee, who is Principal of this newly established Academy for Journalists.

## Opportunity To Enter Territorials After 6 Months' Training

### EXEMPTION BY TRIBUNALS FOR CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTORS

LONDON, April 26 (REUTER).—IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS THIS AFTERNOON THE PRIME MINISTER, MR. NEVILLE CHAMBERLAIN, ANNOUNCED CONSCRIPTION BETWEEN THE AGES OF 20 AND 21. THE MEN WILL RECEIVE SIX MONTHS TRAINING.

A Bill will be introduced at once as it was based on the hypothesis that war will only come after warning. At the end of six months the men will be discharged and will be given the opportunity of entering the Territorials for three-and-a-half years.

THE VOLUNTARY PRINCIPLE WILL CONTINUE FOR THE NAVY, REGULAR ARMY, AIR FORCE AND TERRITORIALS, AS WELL AS CIVIL DEFENCE.

The Government intended further to limit argument profits and there will be legislation for this at an early date.

There will be special penalties on profiteering. Training of conscripts will be given in Britain.

Only in the event of war would there be a liability to serve abroad when this would apply to all, whether called up or not.

The Prime Minister explained that, after training, if the men did not exercise the option of joining the Territorials, they would pass to a special reserve of the Regular Army.

**CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTIONS**  
There will be provision for exemption by tribunals for conscientious objectors conditional on undertaking work of national importance.

Referring to so-called conscription wealth, the Prime Minister said that the wealth was largely conscripted already with the income tax and surtax at a high level.

The Scottish Trade Union Council adjourned dramatically for an hour on the conscription issue. The General Council announced that it regarded the position as serious and wished to have a meeting to discuss the question.

The British Trade Union chiefs are also meeting for a conference this afternoon to discuss the situation.

**IN NORTHERN IRELAND**  
BELFAST, April 26 (Transocean).—Regarding the forthcoming introduction of compulsory service in Britain, the Prime Minister of Northern Ireland, Lord Craigavon, stated to-day that since Northern Ireland formed an integral part of the United Kingdom, compulsory service would be applied there automatically and no special legislation would be needed by the Belfast Parliament.

**DEATH OF MR. J.M.S. BURR**  
Old Resident Of Shanghai

SHANGHAI, April 26 (Reuter).—The death has occurred of Mr. John Melbourne Scott Burr, a member of the Shanghai Stock Exchange, in his 84th year.

Mr. Burr, who is survived by his wife and daughter, was born in 1855 and came to Shanghai as the master of a ship. He decided to stay in the Far East where he became ships' pilot.

He changed his profession to a broker in 1910 and afterwards served for 20 years as Chairman of the now defunct Shanghai Sharebrokers' Association.

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The King and Queen celebrated the sixtieth anniversary of their wedding yesterday. (Reuter).

## Pacific Conference Concludes

WELLINGTON, April 26 (Transocean).—The Pacific Conference, proceedings of which had been kept a close secret, concluded on Wednesday. The Prime Minister of New Zealand, Mr. Joseph Savage, expressed satisfaction at the exchange of opinion to which the talks the last ten days had given opportunity, and announced that questions of mutual interest, which had arisen during the Conference would be further discussed in informal conversations.

For this reason the British delegate, Major-General Mackay, whose return to England had been fixed for the first days of May will prolong his stay in the capital of the Dominion for another few weeks.

## Hollywood Film Star Due Here

SHANGHAI, April 26 (Reuter).—The film actress, Genevieve Tobin, and her husband, Mr. William Keighley, the movie director, who were married a few months ago, are due in Shanghai on May 2, aboard the liner Empress of Japan, on an extended honeymoon.

They will travel in the same ship to Hongkong where they will arrive on May 5, and will leave the next day for Saigon by air.

## BLUE PETER WINS 2,000 GUINEAS

LONDON, April 26 (Reuter).—The Two Thousand Guineas run to-day resulted as follows:—

1. Blue Peter (5 to 1);
2. Admiral's Walk (100 to 7);
3. Fairstone (13 to 2). There were 35 starters. Won by one and a half lengths; three quarters of a length between second and third.

## THE DOLLAR

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From Our Own Correspondent

London, April 26

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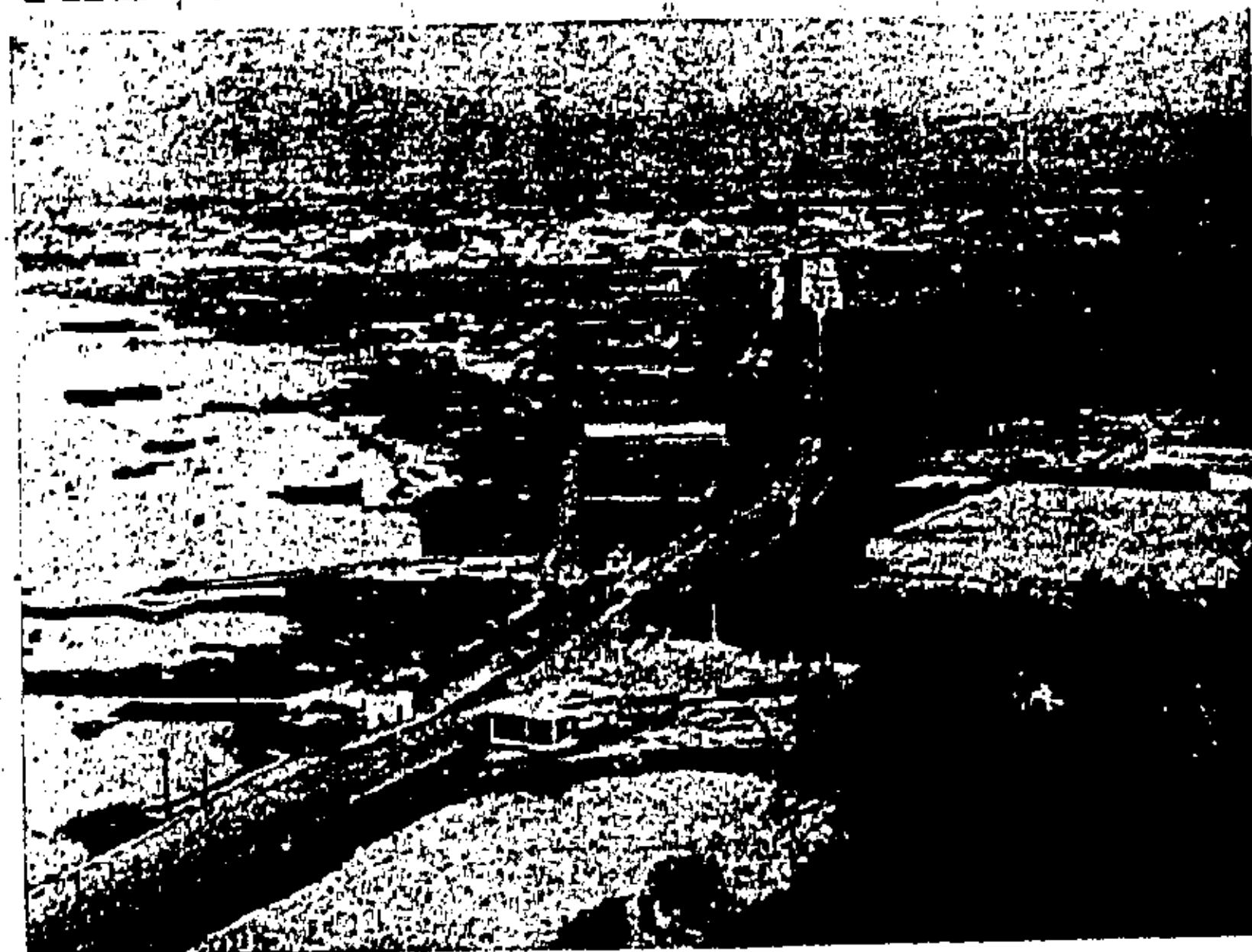
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Forward ..... 19-7/8 19-7/8

Formal communications between M. Gafencu, Rumanian Foreign Minister, and the British Ministers were virtually concluded on Tuesday night, but there was a final short session yesterday morning. M. Gafencu later was a guest of the Royal Air Force. His visit to London concluded yesterday afternoon. (B.W.S.)

## THE OTHER SIDE OF "THE ROCK"



This is the road running from Gibraltar into Spain, which has been barricaded by the Royal Engineers.

## Precautions At Gibraltar

### GERMANY'S NAVAL CRUISE

### Boom Defences Across Entrances

LONDON, APRIL 16.—MESSAGES FROM GIBRALTAR ON APRIL 15 STATED THAT THE AUTHORITIES HAD PLACED BOOM DEFENCES across the north and south entrances to the Admiralty harbour. The defences, it was stated, were similar to those used in 1935-36 when there was tension with Italy over the Italo-Ethiopian war.

The barricade on the main road has been completed and A.R.P. precautions have been taken. Many troops began to move, in a westward direction early in the morning on April 15 and are now camping on the Ronda slopes.

It was learned at the War Office that the 1st Battalion Welsh Guards are to proceed to Gibraltar on or about April 22 for a turn of duty there.

FRANCO TO TAKE PART  
Gen. Franco, it is announced in

### COMMONS

### NORWAY, SWEDEN AND FINLAND

LONDON, April 26 (Reuter).—Mr. Butler, replying to a question, said the Government did not contemplate at present to include Norway, Sweden and Finland in any British guarantee or mutual aid pact. He added that he didn't see any reason in regard to the integrity of these three countries as being threatened. "If they were threatened at a later date we would not be disinterested in the situation thus created," he added.

a broadcast, has ordered the commanders of the Mediterranean ports to give all facilities to the German fleet, and has directed the Commander-in-Chief of the Spanish Navy to organize a squadron of the Spanish Fleet to grant military honours to the Admiral commanding the German ships.

Gen. Franco, in the uniform of an admiral of the Spanish Fleet, will attend the German manoeuvres on board the German flagship.

It is rumoured that on the following day Gen. Franco will invite the German Admiral aboard the Canarias, to attend manoeuvres by the Spanish fleet.

## CHINESE

### ALTERNATIVE TRANSPORT FOR KING AND QUEEN

LONDON, April 26 (Reuter).—It is learned that definite plans for alternative transport for the King and Queen across the Atlantic, on their visit to Canada next month, have been made by Government. If it is decided that Their Majesties should not travel in H.M.S. Repulse, the Government has arranged to charter a liner and it is understood that the probable choice will be the Canadian Pacific Railway ship Empress of Australia.

### IMPERIAL STATE CROWN NOT BEING TAKEN TO CANADA

LONDON, April 26 (BWS).—The Imperial State Crown will not be taken to Canada for the visit of the King and Queen. It had been suggested that the King might prorogue the Dominion Parliament while he is in Ottawa and, in these circumstances, His Majesty would have worn a Crown for the ceremony.

It is now unlikely that the prorogation date for the Canadian Parliament will fit in with this arrangement.

The King will, however, almost certainly pay a visit to Parliament at Ottawa to give Royal assent to one or more Acts of the Canadian Legislature.

### TURKEY REPLIES IN NEGATIVE TO REICH

ISTANBUL, April 26 (Reuter).—Turkey has replied in the negative to the German inquiry as to whether she considered herself menaced by the Reich.

The new German Ambassador to Turkey, Herr von Papen, has arrived in Istanbul.

An agreement for aerial transport between Germany and Turkey has been signed.

### CHEMICAL BOMBS IN LETTER BOXES

LIVERPOOL, April 26 (Reuter).—Five bomb explosions occurred in Liverpool this morning. No-one was injured but shop fronts were damaged. It is understood the missiles were chemical bombs and were dropped into letter boxes. The remaining sixth bomb which failed to explode, was found in a letter box.

## MOBILE TACTICS SCORE IN SHANSI

SIAN, APRIL 26 (CENTRAL).—CHINESE MOBILE TACTICS ALONG THE BANKS OF THE FEN RIVER AND AMONG THE EXPANSE, CRIBBLY TERRAIN IN THE VICINITY OF CHUNG-TIAO MOUNTAIN HAVE ONCE AGAIN FRUSTRATED A DETERMINED JAPANESE ATTEMPT TO SHATTER THE DEFENSIVE STRENGTH IN SOUTH AND CENTRAL SHANSI DURING THE PAST WEEK.

To realize their ambitious plan the Japanese transferred to south Shansi the entire crack Hsiao Division and assigned strong units to Linfen, Hsianghsien, Anyi and other strategic points in the vicinity of Chungtiaao Mountain, but were effectively prevented from executing large scale drives against the Chinese positions by extensive sabotage work on the main communication lines by Chinese guerrillas.

The Tatung-Puchow railway, main artery of Japanese transportation in Shansi, has been cut at numerous places both north and south of Linfen, while from Hungtung to Hwolsien, a distance of fifteen miles, the rails have been torn up.

Throughout April 21 and 22, the Japanese on the east bank of the Fen River made two determined attempts to cross the river. They engaged the Chinese defence troops on the west bank in heavy artillery duels, but were repulsed by the Chinese with more than 400 casualties.

Chinese units, crossing the Fen River north of Linfen and south of Lishih, raided several Japanese garrison posts on the railway and inflicted heavy losses.

In the vicinity of Tumen and Hellungkwan, five miles northwest of Linfen, the Japanese forces, reinforced several times, were unable to make any headway due to the complete destruction of the highway leading westward.

Ten miles east of Linfen, the important town of Fowshan was recaptured but once again abandoned by the Chinese forces last week.

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## Uncomfortable Time Had In Hankow

### Soviet Embassy Staff Arrive In 'Shai

SHANGHAI, Apr. 26 (Reuter).—U.S.S. Oahu and the Admiral's yacht, U.S.S. Isabel, arrived in Shanghai this afternoon from Hankow with 43 foreign passengers including 11 members of the staff of the Soviet Embassy, headed by the Counsellor, M. Tabarin, and his wife.

The Soviet members wanted to leave Hankow on the Japanese occupation of the city last October but had no means to do so. Their mail was stated to have been opened and altogether they had a most uncomfortable time.

Thirty-two other passengers consisted of men and women, mostly Americans.

Admiral Harry Yarnell, Commander-in-Chief of the U.S. Asiatic Fleet, made the trip to Hankow and back on board the U.S.S. Isabel.

**ASTORIA LEAVES**  
YOKOHAMA, April 26 (Reuter).—Amid shouts of "banza!" from thousands of well-wishers including representatives of the Foreign Office and Admiralty, the U.S.S. Astoria sailed at 10 a.m. for Shanghai en route to Manila.

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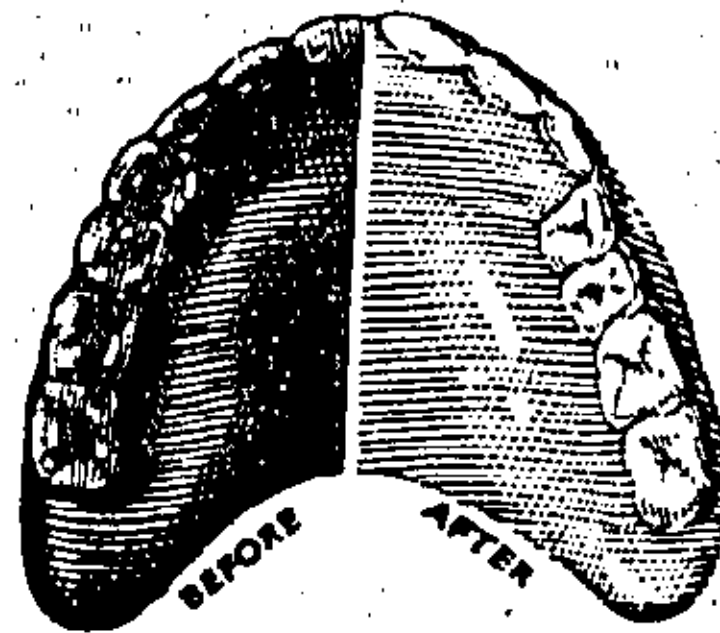
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12.30 p.m. Selections from Light Opera.

"Duchess of Dantzig"—Vocal Gems (Caryl)—Light Opera Company with Orchestra. "Lilac Time"—Selection (Schubert, arr. Clutsum)—The New Mayfair Orchestra. "Marianne"—Vocal Gems (Wallace)—Clara Serena. Doris Vane, Francis Russell, Dennis Noble and Chorus with Orchestra. "Merrie England"—Selection (Edward German)—New Symphony Orchestra cond. by Dr. Malcolm Sargent.

1.00 p.m. Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 p.m. Hubert Eisdell (Tenor) and the New Light Symphony Orchestra.

Poet and Peasant—Overture (Suppe)—New Light Symphony Orchestra. Thinkin' Of Mary (Ashby—Bennett). Always As I Close My Eyes (Handel)—Jens and E. Coates. Hubert Eisdell (Tenor) with Piano. Serenade Mauresque, Op. 10, No. 2 (Elgar). Benediction (MacKenzie)—New Light Symphony Orchestra cond. by J. Ainslie Murray. Love's Garden Of Roses (Haydn Wood). Roses Of Picardy (Weatherly and Haydn Wood).—Hubert Eisdell (Tenor) with Orchestra.

1.30 p.m. Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.40 p.m. Latest Dance Music. Swing Fox-Trot—Im Away Up High: Fox-Trot Plastered In Paris—The Band Waggoners. Tango—Nada Mas: Trio—Orchestra. Pilsner Beer: Gnanaro, Fox-Trot—Shoe Shine Swine: Lady Be Good—Count Basie Quintet: Rumba—It's An Old Cuban Custom: Novelty—Fox-Trot—Swing Syncopeation With A Fork And Spoon—Joe Daniels and His Hot Shots in Drumsticks: Walz—Day After Tomorrow: Young: Fox-Trot—Home Chiles: Jack Harris and His Orchestra at Ciro's.

2.15 p.m. Close down.

6.00 p.m. Studio—Children's Hour.

7.00 p.m. Closing local Stock Quotations.

7.00 p.m. Forty-Five Minutes of Variety with Bobby Breen. Fred Astaire Hildegarde and Mantovani and His Tipica Orchestra. Happy As A Lark (film "Breaking The Ice")—Bobby Breen (Vocal) with Victor Young and His Orchestra. Moonlight, Dancing and You—Waltz: For You Madonnas—Fox-Trot—Mantovani and His Tipica Orchestra with Vocal Chorus. The Glory Of Love (Billy Hill). The Touch Of Your Lips (Noble)—Hildegarde (Vocal) with Carroll Gibbons and His Boy Friends. The Way You Look To-Night (film "Swing Time")—Fred Astaire (Vocal) with Johnny Green at the Piano with

Orchestra. Round A Gipsy Camp Fire (Romantic Gipsy Air)—Mantovani & His Tipica Orchestra. Bojangles Of Harlem—Fox-Trot (film "Swing Time"). A Fine Romance—Fox-Trot—Fred Astaire (Vocal) with Johnny Green's Orchestra with Johnny Green at the Piano. The Humming Walts: Penny Serenade—Fox-Trot—Mantovani and His Orchestra with Vocal Chorus. Hawaii Calls (from the film): Down Where The Trade Winds Blow (film "Hawaii Calls")—Bobby Breen with Orchestra. Studio—Dr. Lancashire on "What to Eat."

8.00 p.m. Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 p.m. Studio—Saxophone Recital by Palapo.

1. Berceuse (Godard). 2. Valse Yvonne (Wiedelft). 3. Cragun Concerto No. 1, Op. 21 (Beach): (a) Allegro Brillante, (b) Romanza, (c) Allegro Gioioso.

8.25 p.m. Military Band Music. The Old Frog Pond—Characteristic (Alford). Parade Of The Elephants—Characteristic (Chester). Regimental Band of H.M. Grenadier Guards cond. by Capt. George Miller. The Jolly Coppermith (Peter)—The Silver Stars Band. Songs of Scotland—Selection (arr. Duthoit)—The Regimental Band of H.M. Grenadier Guards cond. by Capt. George Miller.

8.30 p.m. Post (Sousa). Post and Stripes For Ever (Sousa)—The Band of H.M. Welsh Guards directed by Major Andrew Harris (with Male Chorus).

8.45 p.m. London Relay—Hall Columbia.

Great Britain's Greeting to the New York World's Fair. Men and women from all over the British Isles will contribute to this cross section of the British scene and British ways of life. In a rich variety of accents listeners will be told of typical industries and occupations followed in the West of Scotland, the North of England, in Scotland, Northern Ireland, and Wales. Pageantry and industry, as well as people, will be represented. There will, it is hoped, be a brief sound picture of the ceremony of Changing of the Guard, and there will be spokesmen for the cotton mills and shipyards. Events of topical interest on both sides of the Atlantic will not be forgotten—there will be reference to the appearance at the World's Fair of the famous railway train the Coronation Scot, and to the forthcoming transatlantic air service. The broadcast will end with a speech of goodwill by Lord Halifax.

9.15 p.m. London Relay—The News.

9.30 p.m. London Relay—World Affairs.

By H. Wickham Steed.

8.45 p.m. London Relay—Sports News and Market Notes.

9.50 p.m. Don Cosulich Choir. Monotonously Rings The Little Bell (Russian Folk Song—arr. Janoff). Song Of The Volga Boatmen (Russian Folk Song)—conducted by Serge Jaroff. Unaccompanied.

9.58 p.m. B.B.C. Recording—"The Air."

A Radio Concert Party with Claude Gardner, Eric Atherton, Brian Lawrence, Jean Colin, Ronald Hill, Marion Dawson, Wilfred Thomas, Margaret Stedford and The B.B.C. Variety Orchestra under the direction of S. Kneale Kelley.

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H.K. Time

10.00—Broadcast to Schools—"History in the Making," by Mr. Stanley Lowe (A).

10.20—Wheat and Grain Report (A).

10.40—"At Home and Abroad" (A).

11.05—Luncheon Music (A).

11.30—Afternoon Musical Programme (A).

1.00—"The History of the Jews," Talk by J. W. Parkes (D1).

1.15—"The B.B.C. Empire Orchestra" (D1).

2.00—World's Professional Billiards Championship, Commentary by Willie Smith (D1).

2.30—News (D1).

2.45—"World Affairs," Talk by H. Wickham Steed (D1).

3.15—Sports News and Market Notes (D1).

3.20—Tiny Tot's Session (A).

4.15—Dinner Music (A).

5.25—Commentary on News (A).

6.00—The Spivakovsky Duo—piano and violin (A).

6.45—"Music in the Air," Sir Walter Davis, with the B.B.C. Empire Orchestra (D2).

7.00—The Mastersingers Vocal quartet (A).

7.10—Concert, by the Associated Music Clubs of Australia (A).

8.00—Musical Programme (A).

8.15—"British Composers," with the Band of H.M. Welsh Guards (D2).

8.45—"Hall Columbia," Talk by the Rt. Hon. Viscount Halifax (D2); New records (H.I.).

8.50—Recorded Feature (A).

9.00—News commentary (H.I.).

9.15—News (D2).

9.20—Summary of the day's news (A).

9.30—"World Affairs," Talk by H. Wickham Steed (D2); Report on the Amsterdam Stock Exchange (H.I.).

9.45—Sports News and Market Notes (D2).

10.00—"Page of Honour to Queen Victoria," Reminiscence by Lord Ponsonby (D3).

11.45—Violoncello Recital by Muriel Taylor (D3).

12.00—News (D3).

12.15—"Matters of the Moment," Talk by Charles Hill (D3).

12.30—The Gershwin Parkington Quintet (D3).

12.55—Sports News and Market Notes (D3).

CHUNGKING NEWS BROADCAST

A regular series of short-wave broadcasts in the English and other foreign languages have been inaugurated by the Central Broadcasting Administration, Chungking.

Of special interest to Far East listeners are the news broadcasts at 10 a.m. (H.K. time) each day on 25.21 metres (11.9 megacycles).

There are daily broadcasts from 4.15 a.m. to 6.30 a.m. to European countries, including Great Britain, France, Italy and Germany on 25.51 metres and 31.58 metres; to America between 9.30 a.m. and 11.30 a.m. in Chinese and English on 16.85 metres and 19.75 metres; to East and North China and Siberia between 5.30 p.m. and 7.10 p.m. on 25.51 metres and 31.58 metres in Chinese; to Japan between 7.15 p.m. and 7.55 p.m. on 25.21 metres and 31.58 metres in Japanese; to South China and the South Seas between 8.10 p.m. and 10.30 p.m. on 25.21 metres and 31.58 metres, including a news bulletin in English at 9 p.m. (10 p.m. local time); and to Soviet Russia between 11 p.m. and 11.30 p.m. on 25.21 metres and 31.58 metres in Russian.

L. Acton, M.C., who has gone to half pay.

HOME FROM PALESTINE  
The 2nd Battalion, The Royal Ulster Rifles, arrived home from Palestine recently wearing hats of the type worn in the Great War by the "Anzacs" and "Gurkhas"—high crown with wide brim turned up on one side. The Ulstermen found this head-dress most suitable for service in Palestine. The battalion, under the command of Lieutenant-Colonel G. H. F. Whitfield, has been in Palestine since November, 1937, and its members have earned five M.C.s, four M.M.s, and over 60 mentions in dispatches. The battalion arrived at Southampton and transferred to a pleasure steamer to complete the journey to its new station at Parkhurst, Isle of Wight.

ANNUAL DINNER  
The annual dinner of The Royal Scots (The Royal Regiment) will be held at the May Fair Hotel on June 7 at 8.15 p.m. Particulars can be obtained from Major N. R. Crockett, 124, Old Broad Street, E.C.2.

ROYAL AIR FORCE  
AUSTRALIAN AIR VICE-MARSHAL  
Air Vice-Marshal Richard Williams, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., Chief of the Air Staff of the Royal Australian Air Force since 1932, has arrived in London for a period of interchange duty with the R.A.F. to gain experience of the latest training and administrative methods. He has been attached to the Department of the Chief of the Air Staff before taking up the appointment of Air Officer in Charge of Administration in the Coastal Command.

## THE SERVICES

### ROYAL NAVY

#### HOME FLEET STAFF

Captain C. A. L. Mansergh, D.S.C., promoted at the New Year, joins H.M.S. Nelson for service on the staff of the Commander-in-Chief, Home Fleet, in succession to Captain B. B. Schofield, who has had two years on this duty.

ENGINEER CAPTAIN SLOMAN  
Engineer Commander B. C. Sloman, engineer officer of the cruiser Colombo and of the Reserve Fleet ships at Devonport, has been placed on the retired list.

#### COMMAND OF THE ABERDEEN

The escort vessel Aberdeen, in the Mediterranean, which serves as an attached ship to the Fleet flagship, is to receive a new commanding officer in succession to Commander C. F. W. Norris, who has held this command since November 1936. He will be succeeded by Commander H. P. Curry, from the command of the Woolston in the 1st Anti-Submarine Flotilla, Portland.

#### VISITS OF U.S. DESTROYERS

The new United States destroyer Joutet, arrived at Chatham recently in the course of a shakedown cruise after completion. Commander G. Clark is in command. Two other new destroyers, the Benham and Ellet, are to visit Portsmouth from May 15 to 19.

#### EAST INDIES COMMAND

The King approved the following appointment:  
Rear-Admiral Ralph Leatham, C.B., to be Commander-in-Chief, East Indies Station, to date April 12, in succession to Vice-Admiral James P. Somerville, C.B., D.S.O., who has had to relinquish his appointment owing to ill-health.

Rear-Admiral Leatham is to assume command about May 7.

#### NAVAL APPOINTMENTS

The following appointments are made by the Admiralty:—

Capt.—H. B. Crane, lent to R.A.N. (May 6).

Surg. Lt.-Cdr.—A. N. Forsyth, M.B., to Victory, for R.N.B. (April 17).

Lt.—P. J. Thornhill, M. N. Tufnell, to Vindictive (April 18).

Lt. (E)—L. V. Hauser, M.B.E., to Exmouth (April 26).

Surg. Lt.—G. Topham, M.B., to Drake, for R.N.B. (May 1), and to Newcastle (on commg); N. Frebairn, M.B., to Pembroke, for R.N.B. (May 1), and to Franking (June 12); A. S. R. Peppers, M.B., to Pangbourne, for R.N.B. (May 1), and to Drake, for R.N.B. (May 1); J. T. Hayward-Butt, M.B.C.S., L.D.S., to Pembroke, for R.N.B. (May 1).

Surg. Lt. (D)—W. E. Bain, L.D.S., to Pembroke, for R.N.B. (May 1).

Deal (April 11), and to Pembroke for R.N.B. (April 27).

Sub-Lt.—P. K. L. Odhams, to Osprey, for comd. (April 17), and to Enchantress (April 20).

Sub-Lt. (E)—J. W. Chase, to Birmingham, J. R. Broadhurst, to Penelope, P. G. Pedrick, to Sussex, K. W. Spooner, to Berwick, J. Sidgwick, to Eagle, R. H. Woodfield, to Glorious, H. Seeds, to Manchester, P. V. Bouquet, to Dorsetshire (April 22); O. F. Hawkes, to Sheffield, G. F. Trevelyan, to Nelson, M. J. Brougham, to Cumberland, H. W. D. Addington, to Ark Royal, J. D. Robins, to Royal Sovereign (May 4).

Cd. Gunners.—L. C. Koester, to Southampton (April 27); C. F. Austin, to Cumberland (May 1); W. Barrett, to Excellent (May 8); H. L. Cox, to Hood (May 15).

Gunners.—R. R. Willocks, to Brilliant (April 24); J. Mayling, to Nigeria (April 25); P. Dodson, to Jervis (April 28); Y. Harrison, to Cochrane, for comd. L. F. J. Thomas, to Amphion (May 1).

#### PROMOTIONS

Lt.-Cdr. (Retd.)—P. K. Wallace, to rank of Cdr. (Retd.) (seny April 17).

Sub-Lt.—J. V. Brothers, C. R. Bax, to rank of Lt. (seny respectively Feb. 1 and March 1); T. Fatch, J. D. D. Hall, to rank of Lt. (seny April 1).

RETIREMENT  
Lt.—L. A. Sherwin placed on the Retd. List (April 16).

#### THE ARMY

##### COLDSTREAM GUARDS

Lieutenant-Colonel C. F. M. Riley, M.C., who went to retired pay at 45, has had service since 1912. He joined The Royal Jersey Light Infantry and transferred to the Coldstream Guards, with whom he served in France, where he was wounded and was mentioned in dispatches.

He was A.D.C. to the Governor of Newfoundland, served with the Shanghai Defence Force, and took command of the 2nd Battalion, Coldstream Guards in 1936.

Lieutenant-Colonel J. N. P. Lescel, who has just taken command of the 2nd Battalion, in 41. He joined in 1916 and was wounded in France. He has been adjutant of the 3rd Battalion, A.D.C. to the Earl of Athlone in South Africa, and A.D.C. to Major-General Sir Charles Corkran in London.

##### EAST SURREY REGIMENT

Lieutenant-Colonel G. E. Strickton, M.C., who has just been promoted to that rank at 48, has served with The East Surrey Regiment since 1910 (with the 3rd, 1st, 2nd, and 8th Battalions at the depot). He has now taken command of the 2nd Battalion in succession to Lieutenant-Colonel E. L.

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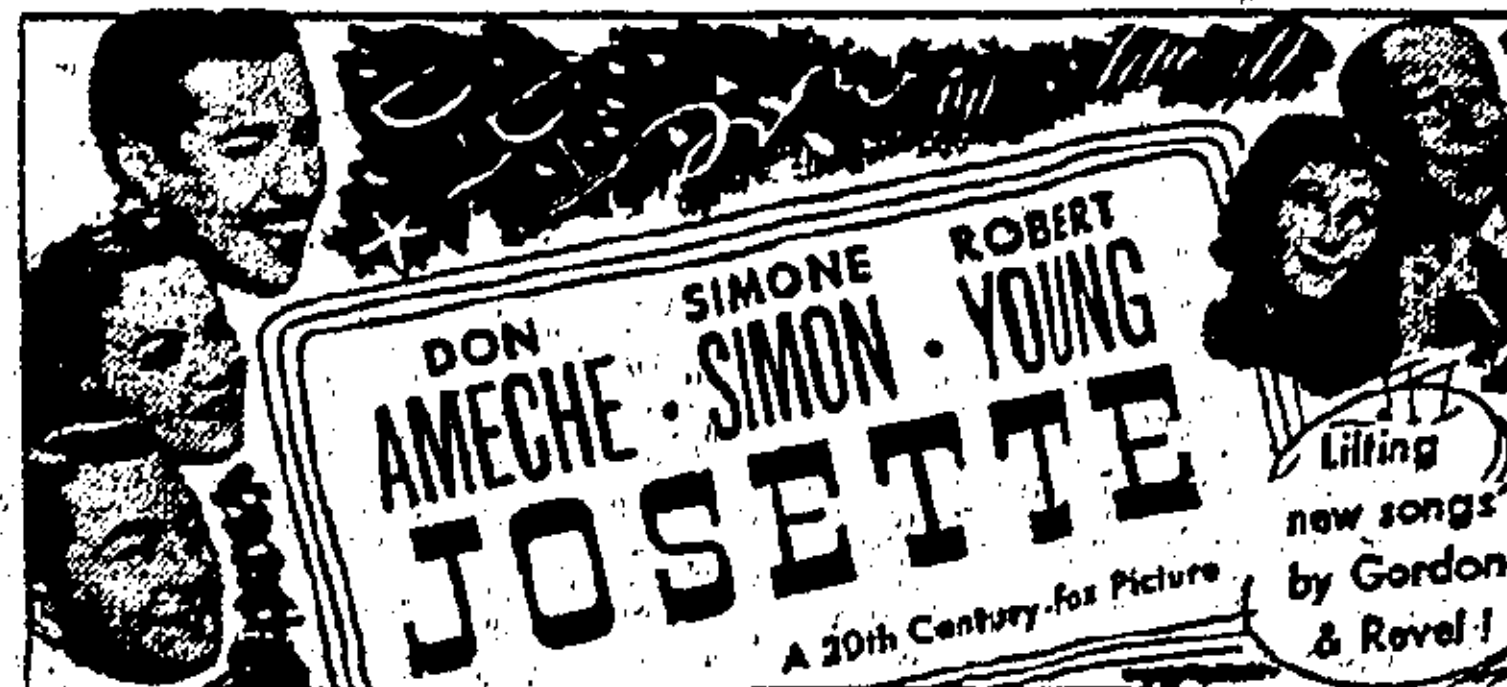
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William Powell has returned from the hospital from what he hopes is the last operation in his lifetime. On the verge of a complete breakdown at one point, Powell fought his way back to a semblance of health by a discouraging series of operations—four in all. Now however, his condition is good, and M. G. M. will star him in "The Thin Man Returns," with Myrna Loy.

## Today's Screenings

Hongkong

KING'S: "Always Goodbye"  
QUEEN'S: "Great Man Votes"  
ORIENTAL: Special Mickey Mouse Variety Programme  
CATHAY: "Jolette"

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ALHAMBRA: "Man's Paradise"  
STAR: "This Is The Life"  
MAJESTIC: Laurel and Hardy Comedy Programme

Coming

KING'S: "Kidnapped"  
QUEEN'S: "Love Affair"  
ORIENTAL: "Rose Marie"  
ALHAMBRA: "Love Affair"  
CATHAY: "Fisherman's Wharf"  
STAR: "Rebecca Of Sunnybrook Farm"  
MAJESTIC: "I'll Give A Million"

## NEW 1939 MUSICAL SHORT

The first of Columbia's new 1939 musical shorts entitled "A Night In A Music Hall," has been finished on the Coast by Arthur Dreifuss and will be ready for release soon. It is a single reel starring Nell Kelly, red-headed comedienne, doing her famous Garbo act; Pinky Tomlin, composer, introducing some of his newest compositions, Betty Atkinson, famous dancer, doing a spectacular military finale with the six Majorettes and a line of Fanchonettes, and several other variety acts.

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## HIGHLY COVETED SCREEN ROLE

One of the most highly coveted screen roles of the year has fallen to Barbara Stanwyck.

Miss Stanwyck was signed by Columbia to play the leading feminine role in the picture of GOLDEN BOY, the Broadway stage hit by Clifford Odets. She will portray the part of Lorna Moon, a young woman who has battled life in her own way and who throws her heart into the balance while the Golden Boy seeks a quick short-cut to a spectacular career.

The screenplay of GOLDEN BOY has been completed by Lewis Meltzer and Daniel Taradash and the production will be made under the supervision of William Perleberg.

## TO PLAY CHARACTER ROLES

Charles King and Jack Ingram were signed for character roles in Columbia's "Lone Star Pioneers," the new historical western drama which carried the early working title "The Guerrillas," under Joseph Levering's direction.

Bill Elliott is featured and Dorothy Gulliver has the feminine lead. Nate Gatzert's story and screen play has a Civil War setting. Lee Shumway and Charles Whitaker have already been engaged for this picture.

Mr. King includes among his latest screen appearances those in "Headin' for the Rio Grande," "Trouble In Texas," "Sing Cowboy Sing," "Tex Rides With the Boy Scouts," and "Routin' Tootin' Rhythm." Jack Ingram had prominent roles in "The Lonely Trail," "Public Cowboy No. 1" and "Wild Horse Rodeo."

## DIARY OF LOCAL EVENTS

TO-DAY  
ANNIVERSARIES AND HOLIDAYS.  
Herbert Spencer born, 1820. St. Peter Canisius, Doctor of the Church.

AUCTIONS.—Crown Lands, at Land Office, Ping Shan, 11.30 a.m.

CINEMAS.—(See Column 3 of this Page).

LECTURES.—Hon Dr. P. S. Selwyn Clarke on "The Medical Organisation in Connection with the Air Raid Precautions and Similar States of Emergency," in University Union Assembly Room, 8.30 p.m.; "Running Repairs," at Volunteer Hqs., 11 a.m.; First Aid in Chinese, (for Men), at Ambulance Hqs., 7.30 p.m.; in English, at Queen Mary Hospital, 6 p.m.; Home Nursing, at Ambulance Hqs., 5.30 p.m.; at Kowloon Hospital, Out-patients' Dept., 6 p.m.; Theosophical Society, 6 p.m.

MEETINGS.—(See Page 16)

MOON.—Chinese. III. Moon, 8th. Day.

RELIGIOUS.—St. John's Cathedral Confirmation Class (Adults), Lady Chapel, 5.30 p.m.

SOCIAL.—Y.M.C.A. Women's Section Competitive Games (Bridge & Mahjong), 10 a.m.; Y.M.C.A. Ladies' Night; St. John's Social Service Centre of the Churches at Home, Cathedral Hall, 5.30 p.m.; R.A.O.B. (G.L.E.) Club Whist Drive and Tombola, Queen's Building, Ice House Street, 8.30 p.m.; Public Works Recreation Club Tombola, Causeway Bay, 8 p.m.; Cheero Club Bridge Night.

SPORTS.—(See Page 2).

SUNRISE.—5.58 a.m. SUNSET.—6.47 p.m.  
TIDES.—High at 03.24 and 13.49 Low at 06.32 and 21.40.

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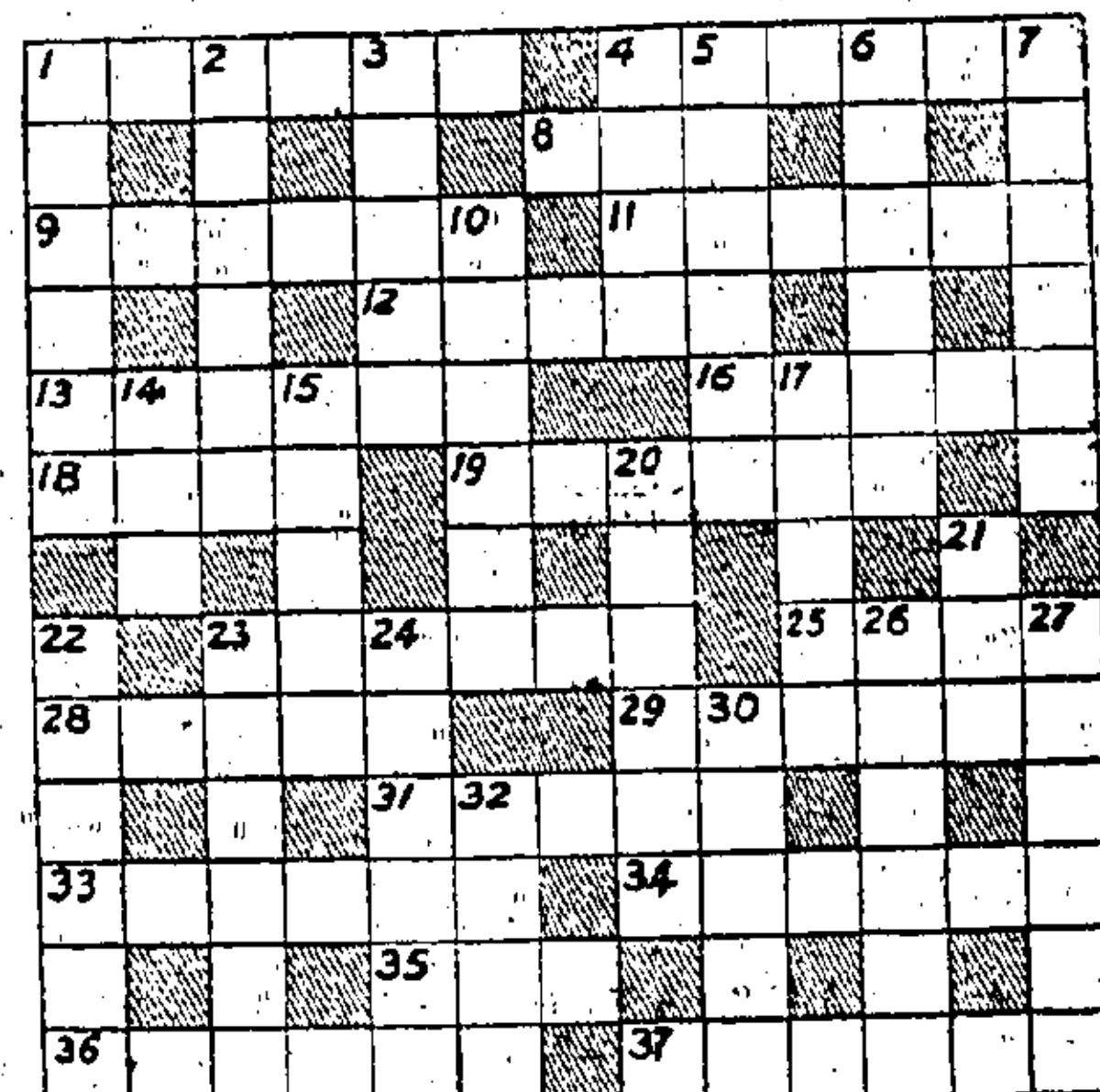
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- 28 Those here (5)
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- 34 Sturdy (6)
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## FAY BAINTER'S NEW FILM

Columbia filled three more character roles for "Old Mrs. Leonard and the Machine Gun," (temporary title) when Joe Calts, Tommy Mack and Joe Sawyer were added to the cast for this feature, in which Fay Bainter, plays the lead.

Shooting started recently under the direction of Ben Stollhoff. Ida Lupino and Lee Bowman furnish the love interest, while Henry Armetta and Warren Hymer have already been assigned to feature parts. Richard Maibaum and Gertrude Purcell wrote the screen play which is based on a story by George Bradshaw and Price Day. Fred Kohlmar is supervising production.

Mr. Calts had prominent roles in Columbia's "Reformatory" and "Racketeers." Among the many pictures in which Joe Sawyer has been seen are "Navy Blue," "Midnight Madonna," "Reported Missing," "The Lady Fights Back" and "Tarzan's Revenge."

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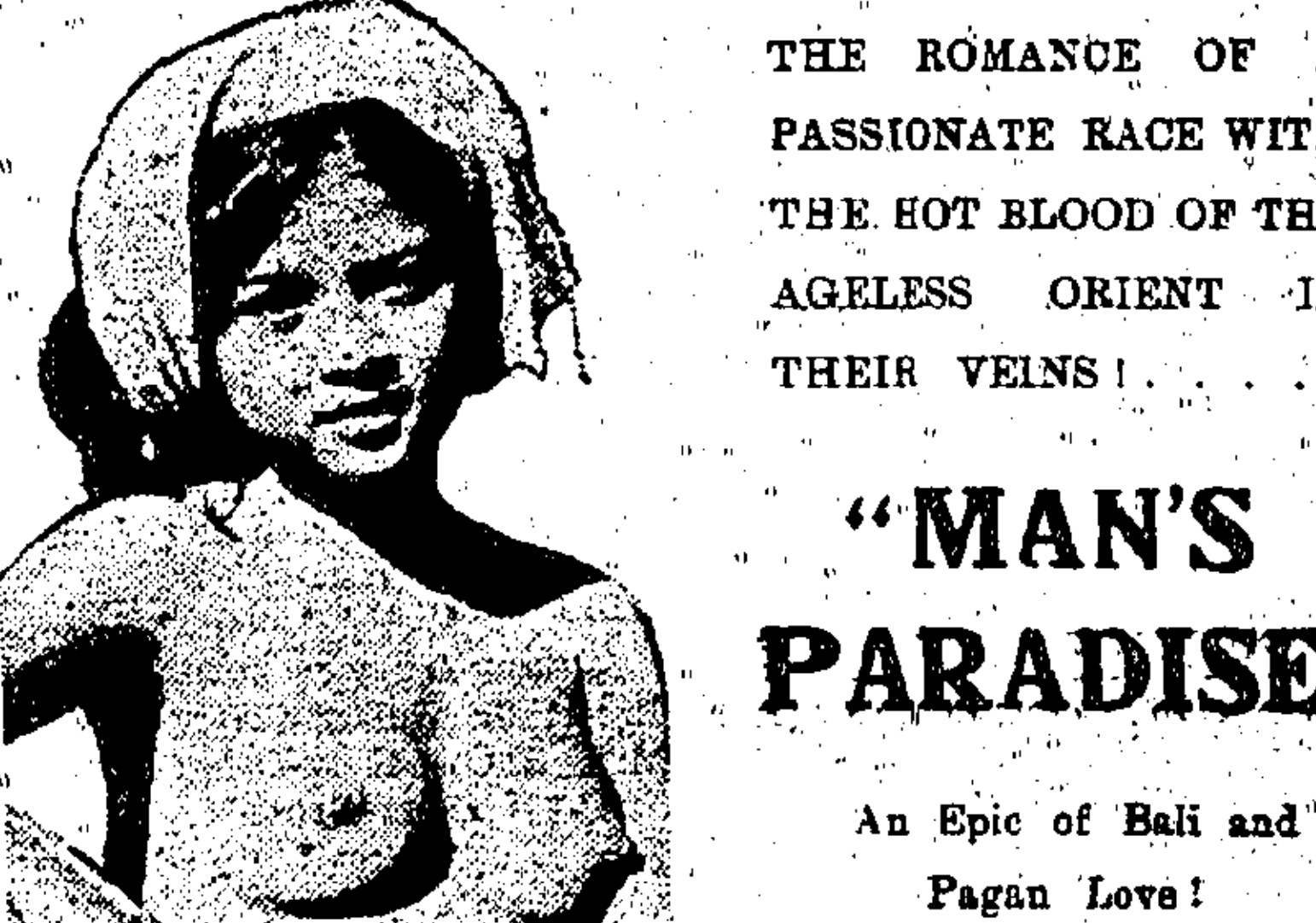
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# WOMEN'S PAGE

## SATISFACTORY YEAR FOR M.C.L.

### President Clears Misunderstanding

#### ANNUAL MEETING

The annual general meeting of the Ministering Children's League was held yesterday morning at the Helena May Institute when the following officers were elected for the coming year: Patroness—Lady Northcote, Lady MacGregor, Hon. Vice-President, with Mrs. S. W. T'so and Lady Ho Tung.

The local Council comprised Mesdames Chan Tit-yat, Bu Tong-sen, Gockchih, M. K. Lo and H. S. Mok. Mrs. D. L. Newbigging was elected President, and Mrs. Butters Vice-President; Hon. Treasurer, Mrs. Nicol; General Hon. Secretary, Mrs. O. C. Womack.

Mrs. Newbigging stressed a particular subject at the meeting—the seeming misunderstanding which exists among the members of the Colony regarding the work of the M. C. L.

"Many are under the impression," she stated, "that we send our money to England, or give it to those local charities which already have their own support. I should like to correct this impression. In actual fact we try as far as is possible to allocate funds to the lesser known charities in Hongkong, and I think if you glance at your report you will find that with the exception of the Benevolent Society and the Society for the Protection of Children, we have carried out our object."

"This year," continued the President, "we were asked to the Refugee Camp schools, which are doing such valuable work amongst the refugee children, and your committee decided to give \$300, on the understanding that this should not be a permanent commitment."

## PRINCESS THANKS HONGKONG FOR GOOD WISHES

His Excellency the Governor has received the following telegram yesterday from the Secretary of State for the Colonies in reply to the message expressing the Colony's good wishes to Her Royal Highness Princess Elizabeth on the occasion of her 13th birthday:

Her Royal Highness Princess Elizabeth has received with great pleasure the message contained in your telegram and desires to thank all communities in Hongkong for their good wishes.

## TITIAN UP TO DATE

Mr. Richard Sickert's habit of painting pictures founded on photographs is well known. When the Storrin Gallery decided to hold an exhibition of modern "paraphrases" of old pictures, they naturally invited him to contribute.

His picture is based on a Victorian study of visitors to the Royal Academy. The new version bears the inscription "To the dear and perpetual memory of George Bowers-Sickert Transcribed."

Though Titian would be surprised at Miss Vanessa Bell's and Miss Vera Cunningham's impressions of his work, Poussin's discomfiture would be still greater.

His transcriber, Mr. James Thurber, the American humorist, has reduced two Poussins from the National Gallery to terms of "The New Yorker." Though Poussin might not like the result, Mr. Thurber's admirers undoubtedly will.

## FORTHCOMING MARRIAGES

The following forthcoming marriages are announced:—  
Mr. Esmond Walter Scone, British Army officer, R. A. Mess, Changi, Straits Settlements, and Miss Suzanne Mary Petri, of Lawley-Heathend, Farnham, Surrey.

Mr. Cyril Chamberlain Blake, stockbroker, and Miss Mary (Mollie) Carson, of "Lindley," Ballymena, County Antrim, Ireland.

Mr. Cyril Douglas Hopper, mercantile assistant, Assam Oil Co. Ltd., Digboi, Upper Assam, India, and Miss Margaret Robson Bell, typist, of No. 5, Highburgh Terrace, Kowloon Docks.

Mr. Don Tsit-moy, aeronautical engineer, of No. 110, Kam Ngai Street, Kowloon, Yunnan, and Miss Ng King-oi, of No. 87, Bonham Road, second floor, Hongkong.



Mr. and Mrs. O. E. C. Marton photographed at the Second Extra Race meeting at the Valley. (Photo by Leica).

## NEWSETTES

Mr. E. P. Fletcher, of the Public Works Department, celebrates his 51st birthday to-day.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Harper returned from Manila yesterday on the Empress of Russia.

Mr. W. J. Anderson, Superintendent of Accounts, Public Works Department, returned from leave by the s.s. Rajputana yesterday.

Co-Pilot E. Bressy, of Imperial Airways, has been confined to his home for the past several days with a minor illness.

Friends of Mr. S. Boulton, of the Taikeo, Dockyard, will regret to learn that he is lying seriously ill in the War Memorial Hospital.

A May Festival will be staged by the pupils of the Quarry Bay School next Wednesday, commencing at 5.15 p.m.

A daughter was born on April 15, at 27, Welbeck Street, W.I., to Mrs. Sheila Kerr-Cross, wife of Mr. I.H. Kerr-Cross.

Mr. Fred Simonsen, of the American Bank Note Co., Shanghai, is passing through the Colony on the Empress of Russia after visiting Manila.

Mrs. T. C. Drakeford, of Shanghai, mother of Mrs. J. E. Jupp, of Hongkong, arrived in the Colony from home leave on the Rajputana yesterday on her way to Shanghai.

The departure time of Imperial Airways services from Hongkong on Tuesdays and Fridays will revert to 7 a.m. (L.S.T.) as from and including Friday, April 28.

On Saturday evening, in the Rose Room of the Peninsula Hotel, the members of the Hongkong Softball League will terminate the season with a supper dance.

Lady Amie Noble, wife of Admiral Sir Percy Noble, K. C. B., C. V. O., R. N., arrived in the Colony yesterday on board the s.s. Rajputana.

Mr. N. T. Bebbington, of the Education Department, Hongkong, and Mrs. Bebbington, returned from home leave yesterday on the s.s. Rajputana.

The marriage took place on April 15, at Holy Trinity Church, Tumbridge Wells, of Mr. James Neville Duncan, eldest son of the Rev. N.P. and Mrs. Duncan, to Miss Alice Mary Lachlan, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. H.N. Lachlan (China Inland Mission).

## WOMEN'S SERVICE CORPS

A farewell meeting was held in Y.W.C.A. on Tuesday evening in honour of the imminent departure of the Canton Y.W.C.A. Wartime Service Corps for the West River front in Kwangtung.

The Corps, comprising 14 girls between the ages of 15 and 20, has undergone three weeks of rigid training in wartime service. Upon arrival at the front it will be attached to the Chinese army to care for wounded soldiers and refugees.

Members of the Corps took a solemn oath that they would abide by the teachings of the late Dr. Sun Yat-sen, give full-hearted support to Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek and do their best for the country regardless of sacrifices.

Flags were presented to the Corps by the Hongkong Y.W.C.A. and Chinese girls schools in the British Colony.

## WORLD'S RAREST DAFFODIL

Thousands of daffodils are on view at the Royal Horticultural Society's Daffodil Show, which opened on April 13 in the Horticultural Hall, Greycoat-street, Westminster.

Their variety is astonishing, and some of the new ones are of such vivid colouring that anything, even a red daffodil, seems possible. The exhibition remains open until five o'clock this evening.

The most remarkable bloom in the show is named Krakatoa. There are only four bulbs of this new daffodil in existence. It is so rare that no price can be put on it, but it is stated that the exhibitor would be unlikely to part with it for less than \$1,000.

A daffodil raised from seed takes four years to reach the flowering stage, and 10 years must elapse before the four bulbs of Krakatoa will increase to 100. It is thus evident that the price of a new and striking variety must remain high.

## GERMAN WOMAN AS SEA CAPTAIN

BERLIN, April 13.—Great indignation has been aroused in conservation German shipping circles by the news that a woman, Fraulein Anneliese Sparbier, formerly a schoolmistress, is working for a master's certificate, with a view to becoming a captain in the German mercantile marine.

Fraulein Sparbier is now serving on board a trawler as an ordinary seaman.

The "Deutsche Seemann," the official organ of the German merchant service, asks severely whether such activities will help Fraulein Sparbier to "do her duty as a woman and bring healthy and strong children into the world." Her ambitions, it adds, are incompatible with the ideas of womanly tenderness and sense of duty held by "us men."

The article ends on an almost pleading note. When Fraulein Sparbier doffs her thick shoes and stockings and her oilskins, it is declared, and enters the haven of marriage, she will be sorry to find that she has lost some of her charm. Surely if her love for the sea is so tremendous she could become a stewardess in a liner.

The death occurred at his residence No. 29, Palace Gate, London, on April 16, of Mr. Alfred Markham Townsend, at the age of 93. The late Mr. Townsend was at one time Manager of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation. The funeral took place on April 19 at Brookwood. The late Mr. Townsend is survived by his wife.

Five hundred and seventeen pilots from overseas Dominions and the Colonies were accepted for appointment to commissions in the Royal Air Force last year. They were enlisted either through official channels overseas—and consequently had their passages paid to England—or from enthusiastic young men who made their own way to England and took a chance of joining the service.

## THURSDAY'S MENU

### BREAKFAST

Baked Apple  
Cereal  
Fish Cake  
Fried Potatoes  
Toast and Jam  
Coffee

### LUNCHEON

Shrimp Salad  
Lamb Chutney  
Baked Potatoes  
Corn Souffle  
Green Sugar Peas  
Prune Whip and Cookies  
Tea

### DINNER

Clear Onion Soup  
Fruit Salad  
Roasted Chicken  
Rice and Giblet Gravy  
Buttered Turnips  
Hot Asparagus  
Peaches and Cream  
Chocolate Cake  
Coffee

## INSANE MAN CANNOT DESERT HIS WIFE

An important point arising from the Matrimonial Causes Act, 1937—"A. P. Herbert's Divorce Law"—has been decided by Mr. Justice Langton in the Divorce Court.

A wife—Mrs. Jane Williams, of Wallasey, Cheshire, sought a divorce from her husband on the grounds that, having left her in May 1933 he was certified insane in June 1934.

She therefore claimed that he had deserted her for the three years preceding the presentation of her petition.

The judge, remarking that the case was the first of its type, ruled that the application must fail, because the husband's desertion had not been made at a time when he was a free agent.

Desertion, to constitute an offence, must be deliberate—and this could not be held in the case of a lunatic.

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Mr. Ho Sai-cheung (centre), son of Mr. Ho Kom-tong, photographed at the Second Extra Race meeting held at the Valley. (Photo by Leica).



## WANCHAI MURDER TRIAL

## WOMAN AND BOY TELL OF SEEING STRUGGLE

## Counsel To Address Jury To-morrow Morning

A thirteen-year-old boy and his aunt yesterday testified to seeing a struggle between a customer and a waiter at the Cha Heung Sut Restaurant on the night of January 28 when Li Ping-chun appeared for the third day before the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, at the Criminal Sessions, charged with the murder of Hiyoshi Sagara, a Japanese subject.

The defence yesterday closed its case, and Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., counsel for the defence, and Mr. John Whyatt, Crown Counsel, prosecuting, will address the jury on resumption of the case to-morrow morning.

Mr. Sheldon is instructed by Mr. J. T. Prior, while Detective-Inspector W. N. Darkin assisted Mr. Whyatt. The jury empanelled is as follows:—Messrs. B. J. Lacon (foreman), R. Johnson, R.L.S. Webb, Johnston Wong, F. Sanchez, M. Carlo, and Chan Kam-to.

Dr. G. Ingram Shaw, Medical Officer of Hongkong Prisons, said he had accused in his charge for special observation from March 24 to observe his mental condition. Witness found nothing to indicate an abnormal mind. There was also no trace of mental disease.

Witness said that if accused's statement was true, he must have been sane.

Chan Fong, waitress at the Cha Heung Sut, was also called. She said in cross-examination that all her statements at the lower court hearings were true. The Japanese, she said, had been to the restaurant on two occasions and on both occasions he was drunk. He threw towels at her.

## SAW FOKI SLAPPED

The first witness for the defence was Chan Siu-kwan, married woman, who said she went to the Cha Heung Sut shortly after 11 p.m. that night and there saw a customer slap a foki.

Mr. Whyatt here protested, stating that nothing had been put to previous witnesses to indicate that the defence was that there was a slapping incident.

Mr. Sheldon pointed out that all witnesses had said they heard no slapping, and he was not going to strengthen the Crown's case by cross-examination on that point. His Lordship agreed that nothing of the nature had been suggested throughout the proceedings. "The matter is, however, entirely for the jury," he remarked.

Continuing, Chan Siu-kwan said she sat half-facing the third cubicle. She saw the customer after murmuring something, strike accused on both sides of his face.

## NO GESTURE

Mr. Whyatt: Didn't accused make any gesture of remonstrance when he was slapped?—No.

Further cross-examined, witness stated a report of that night's events appeared in a newspaper and was read to her by her nephew. The report said the foki attacked the customer, whereas she saw the re-

verse. She said she learned Mr. Russ was representing accused and she went to see Mr. Russ and told him of what she saw.

Mr. Whyatt asked why witness did not immediately tell the police, and she replied that she did not know she had to do so.

You realized this was important information?—Yes.

Mr. Whyatt asked if witness did not consider it her duty to tell the police, but Mr. Sheldon objected, saying that she was not bound to do anything. Mr. Sheldon agreed with his Lordship that there was a moral duty, adding that later witness did in fact inform Mr. Russ.

Counsel further stated that it was a long time before accused was charged with murder.

## DONE NOTHING

Questioned as to what she would have done if accused had had no solicitor, witness replied that she would not have done anything.

Au Ting-kwong, nephew of the previous witness, corroborated his aunt's evidence.

Wong See-mui, waitress employed at the Tai Shing restaurant, identified a photograph of Sagara and said that she had known him for three or four years as a customer of her restaurant.

Sagara, said witness, was of an extraordinarily savage character. Ho Shu, captain at the Windsor Cafe, stated he had known accused for three years. Accused bore a very good character and his nickname was "Lo Shu (mouse) Ping," which, said witness, implied that he had a quiet and timid disposition.

## FATHER INSANE

Li Wai, head messenger at the Central Magistracy, said prisoner's father and himself were clansmen. Prisoner's father was a little mad and was fond of talking and laughing to himself or would sit alone on a hill for no purpose whatever. The man died of insanity at the Fong Bin Hospital in Canton.

Li Yan-chi, younger brother of accused, gave evidence that accused supported the uncle who was killed since prisoner was 14 years old, when the uncle lost his property during an uprising in Canton. Accused, stated witness, paid for his schooling.

This ended the case for the defence, and hearing was then adjourned till to-morrow.

## SINO-AMERICAN CULTURAL RELATIONS

The Chinese-American Institute of Cultural Relations is to organize a branch institute in Hongkong.

A telegram from Dr. H. H. Kung, President of the Executive Yuan concurrently President of the Institute, received here by Dr. C. T. Wang, Mr. Y. M. Chien, and Mr. P. K. Chu, expressed his hearty approval.

It is learned that the branch institute will convene its first meeting of the promoters next week.

On a charge of assault on Wong Kam, 42, at No. 24, Ma Tau Wei Road, Hung Hom, on April 10, with intent to rob him, a man named Leung Ming, 30, was committed by Mr. E. Himsforth at the Kowloon Court yesterday to the Criminal Sessions.

## PEACE PLEDGE UNION

The conception of the ideal of liberty, as permitting a nation the right to govern or to misgovern itself, without being subject to sanction of such government or misgovernment by another nation, was upheld by the Rev. K. Mackenzie Dow, who spoke at the Challenge Book Shop, before a meeting of the Peace Pledge Union yesterday on "Why I Am Not A Pacifist."

Mr. Mackenzie Dow contended that loss of liberty was to an individual, an even greater evil than loss of life, and more to be feared. He was opposed to the motto of the Peace Pledge Union, "Not peace at any price, but love at all costs," if this motto implied that love could not cause pain or suffering.

Among those who took part in the discussion were Mr. R. A. D. Forrest, who was in the chair, and Mr. S. A. Gray.

## MRS. B. A. LING LAID TO REST

## Large Attendance, Many Wreaths

The funeral of Mrs. Beatrice Augusta Ling, wife of Dr. Ling Kie-dieh, who passed away at the Queen Mary Hospital on Tuesday, following a short illness, took place at the Colonial Cemetery yesterday. The deceased is survived by her mother, her husband, two brothers, Mr. A. A. Gill and F. A. Gill, three sisters, Misses C. M. Gill and O. A. Gill and Mrs. L. da Rocha. Deceased was a member of the Victoria Nursing Brigade.

Rev. Fathers F. Noval, G. M. Spada, G. T. Byrne and B. Kelly officiated.

Among those present were Mrs. R. Langley, Mr. C. Vas, Mr. E. U. Xavier and Misses C. and B. Xavier, Mr. S. J. C. Rocha, Mr. J. W. Lee, Mr. A. J. Barreto, Mr. K. S. Lee, Nursing Brigade of the St. John Ambulance, Dr. H. N. Wong, Dr. A. L. Jorge, Mrs. S. G. Ng, Mrs. I. R. Lee, Mrs. R. E. Kay, Mr. T. K. Lien, Dr. and Mrs. C. W. Lee, Dr. and Mrs. C. W. Lam, Mr. S. Ozofo, Mr. O. H. Rocha, Dr. E. L. de Souza, Professor L. T. Ride, Dr. Lee Hah-long, Dr. C. F. Lo, Dr. D. K. Samy, Dr. E. Q. Lim, Dr. T. S. Tsai, Mr. H. L. Ozofo, Dr. and Mrs. T. Y. Li, Mr. V. R. Ribeiro, Mr. D. Lopes, Mr. A. A. Gill, Mr. F. A. Gill, Miss C. M. Gill, Miss O. A. Gill and Mrs. L. da Rocha.

## THE WREATHS

Wreaths were sent by the following:—

"Joe and Chris," "Tony and Lily," "Kimi and Tulle," "Frankie and Beatrice," "Tito and Florence," "Albertina," "Hannah, Zina and Alice," Dr. and Mrs. Lam Shu-chun, Dr. and Mrs. T. P. Wu, Mr. C. L. Soong and daughter, Dr. and Mrs. Seck-wah Phoon, Dr. and Mrs. C. W. Lam, Dr. K. W. Khoo, Mrs. C. Leonard and family, Miss Christie Hung, Dr. C. G. Foo, Dr. and Mrs. H. C. Ku, Mrs. Martha Lye and family, Li Yee-ying, Dr. P. H. Tong, Dr. G. E. Yeoh, Dr. H. N. Wong, Dr. S. Ho Asioe, S. Y. Cheng, H. Y. Cheng, K. T. Leung, D. J. Willis, Lau Yue-sang, Sin Siu-ning, Man Wai, Tsui Yee-man, Dr. S. Y. Kong, Mr. and Mrs. Y. C. Lee, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Xavier, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Mansfield, Alice K. C. Y. Yeap, Miss Anna S. Lye, Dr. and Mrs. N. K. Lam.

The Clerical Staff of Queen Mary Hospital, Matrons and Sisters of Queen Mary Hospital, St. John's University Alumni Association, Hongkong Branch, Lambert Dunbar & Co., Staff of Lambert Dunbar & Co., Fun Tao Nurses.

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## SUPPLEMENTARY VOTES TOTAL

\$1,229,182

## To-day's Finance Committee Meeting

Supplementary votes totalling \$1,229,182, will be considered at a meeting of the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council to be held at 2.30 p.m. to-day.

The biggest item of expenditure, for which approval will be asked is \$250,000 in connexion with Relief or Refugees, on the assumption that the present numbers will have to be provided for during a further six months. The provision made in the estimates was for \$150,000.

## TRAINING SHIP

A vote of \$240,000 is requested in connexion with the building of a Lighthouse Tender for duties formerly carried out by the rescue tug Kau Sing, which was badly damaged in the typhoon of 1937 and sold last year. The new vessel will also serve as a Training Ship for the Hongkong Naval Volunteers, and will cost \$400,000.

A supplementary estimate of \$169,000 will be considered in connexion with prison improvements at Lai Chi Kok, New Detention Camp and Stanley Gaol. These improvements will include accommodation, materials and equipment, which formed the subject of a special report by the Commissioner of Police. A sum of \$28,000 is to be expended on an isolation block for leper prisoners at Stanley Gaol.

## BUILDING ACTIVITY

The increase in building activity during the past year has made it necessary for the Government to lay out roads, channels and pavements to serve these new sites and a sum of \$140,000 is asked for this work under Public Works Extraordinary.

A vote of \$100,000 is being requested in connexion with the site formation for the construction of a new Kowloon Hospital and Infectious Diseases Hospital—part of the five year programme of public works.

Under Public Works Extraordinary, a sum of \$75,000 is also wanted for the lay-out of a Government quarry in Hok On owing to the increased demand for road materials as a result of building activity.

## P.W.D. OFFICES

Also under Public Works Extraordinary is a request for \$23,500 for the conversion of P.W.D. garages into offices, owing to the urgent need for more accommodation in the Department. The new officers, when completed will house the Air Raid Precautions Department.

The provision of modern isolation kennels for dogs detained for observation at Kennedy Town is essential and for this purpose a sum of \$20,000 is requested.

A sum of \$20,000 is requested for a new substation at Wanchai Gap. The sum of \$15,000 provided previously was allowed to lapse.

Mrs. D. K. Samy, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Hughes, Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Yeung, Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Draga, Mr. and Mrs. S. Mitchell, Constable and W. K. Chu, J. E. McDonald, Dr. and Mrs. T. Y. Li, Dr. and Mrs. M. Y. Tak, Dr. and Mrs. Au King, Mr. A. Morris, Mr. and Mrs. M. K. Cheng.

Her fellow members of the Victoria Nursing Division, Her St. John's Brothers and Sisters (The Brigade), the General Manager and Staff of the Union Insurance Society of Canton, Ltd., the President, Committee and Members of the Hongkong University Alumni Association, Members of the Third Year Medical, Members of the University of Hongkong, The New Asiatic Chemical Works Ltd. (Dr. Ling Kie Dieh), Patients of Pott Ward, Staff of the Telephone Office, Queen Mary Hospital, President and Members of the Shanghai Club, Officers and Nurses of the Western Division, the St. John Ambulance Brigade, Kowloon Nursing Division, Nurses of Queen Mary Hospital, King's College Nursing Division, S.J.A.B., Dressers Med. Dept., and the Chinese Medical Association.

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## TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS IN COLONY

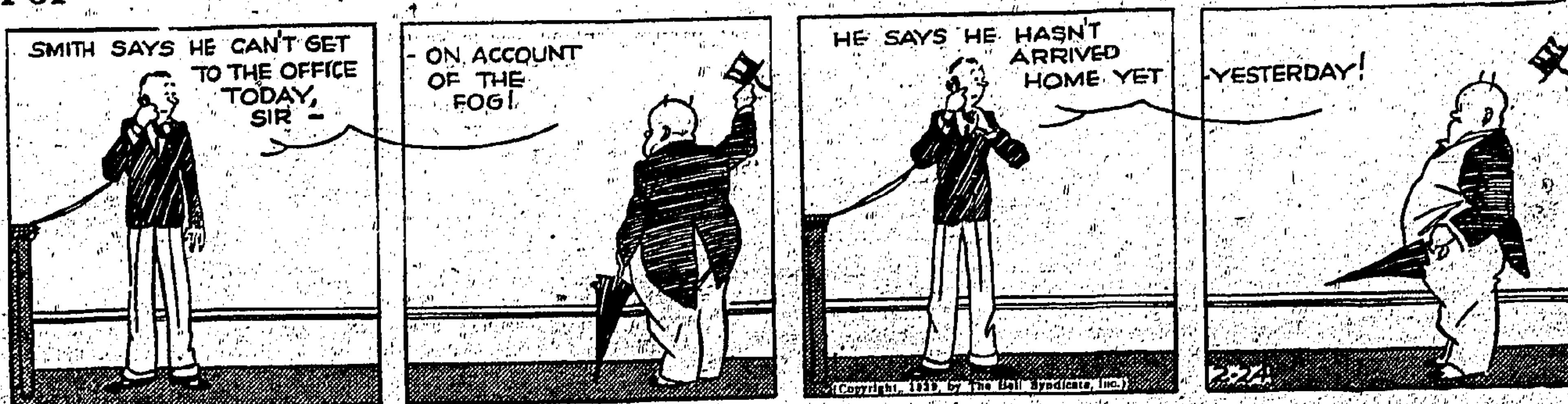
In the Colony of Hongkong including the Island, Kowloon and the New Territories during the week ending at 8 a.m. on Saturday, April 22, there were altogether 73 traffic accidents as the result of which 28 persons were injured. Of 73 accidents, 30 were collisions between vehicles; 27 were collisions between vehicles and pedestrians; 16 accidents were due to other causes.

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The Fifty-Eighth Ordinary Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on Thursday, the 18th May, 1939, at noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Agents, together with a statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1938.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 4th May to the 18th May, 1939, both days inclusive.

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The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 18th May to the 8th June, 1939 inclusive.

By Order of the Board,

JARDINE, MATHESON &  
CO., LTD.,  
General Managers.

Hong Kong, 25th April, 1939.

## NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that ZOYA VASILIEVNA ANTONOVA of Peninsula Hotel, Kowloon, Hong Kong, is applying to the Governor for naturalization, and that any person who knows any reason why naturalization should not be granted should send a written and signed statement of the facts to the Colonial Secretary, Hong Kong.

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Solicitors for the Applicant.

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NOTICE is hereby given that the Fifteenth Annual Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders of China Underwriters, Limited, will be held at the Offices of the Company, 4a Des Voeux Road Central, Hong Kong, on Friday, the 28th day of April 1939, at 2.30 p.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors and a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1938, and of electing Directors and Auditors.

The Transfer Books and Register of Members of the Company will be closed from the 21st April, 1939, to the 28th April, 1939, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

HERBERT R. STURT,  
Managing Director.

Hong Kong, 17th April, 1939.

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## NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

NOTICE is hereby given that the ONE HUNDRED AND NINETEENTH ORDINARY MEETING OF Shareholders in the Company, will be held at the office of the Company, Queen's Building, Victoria, Hong Kong, on Friday, 28th April, 1939, at noon, for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts, and re-electing Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be closed from 22nd April to 28th April, 1939, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

H. DA LUZ,  
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 14th April, 1939.

PLANS FOR ST.  
ANDREW'S CH.  
BAZAAR"Pageant Of The Sea"  
In December

The St. Andrew's Church Bazaar Committee met last evening under the chairmanship of the Rev. J. R. Higgs. Approximately fifty members attended.

The purpose of the meeting was to form plans for the Church Bazaar which will be held on December 2 and will be called "The Pageant of the Sea."

Plans were discussed on a large scale, pageants, tableaux, stalls, and many other entertaining features will be incorporated in the bazaar.

Mr. Higgs is in charge and has the capable services of two secretaries Mr. D. J. Gould and Mrs. A. C. Jeffreys, the treasurer being Mr. R. Baldwin.

This particular bazaar, under the auspices of St. Andrew's Church, will be one of the highlights in the coming winter church festivities.

"FUNERAL OF A. B.  
W. G. HAINES

The funeral of Able Seaman William George Haines, of Motor Torpedo Boat No. 07, who died at the Naval Hospital yesterday morning, following an attack of bronchial pneumonia, took place yesterday at the Colonial Cemetery with full naval honours. Deceased was a native of Roschill, England.

The Rev. D. Vaughan Edwards, of H.M. Dockyards, officiated. Among those present were: Mr. V.R.A.M. Hennessy, Lt.-Col. D. G. Clark, Officers of 2nd M.T.B. Flotilla, 8th Destroyer Flotilla and Local Defence Flotilla, Comrades of H.M.S. Medway, Birmingham, Cardiff and Kent.

Wreaths were sent by Lt.-Col. D. G. Clark, Commanding Officer of 2nd M.T.B. Flotilla, Mr. V. R. A. M. Hennessy, Commander-in-Chief, Officers and men of H.M.S. Ships of China Station; Comrades of H.M. M.T.B. No. 07; Captain and shipmates of M.T.B. 08; Captain and shipmates of M.T.B. No. 12; Royal Navy Torpedo Dept.; Royal Naval Yard Police; Officer of 2nd Flotilla; crew of M.T.B. No. 10; and M.T.B. Maintenance Staff; Captain, Officers and ships' Company of H.M.S. Birmingham; Captain and shipmates of M.T.B. No. 11.

ventilation were favourably noticed and gave visitors a feeling of comfortable assurance.

THE NEW MARKET is, in fact, a palatial building. If an error has been made, it is that the new market errs on the side of luxury and it is this aspect of the building which appeared to strike many of those who were present on Tuesday. It must be borne in mind that all the stalls will be patronized by the Chinese vendor classes who have no particular penchant to keep premises allotted to them in a clean and sanitary condition. The disgraceful state of the old market before it was pulled down to give place to the present edifice is still fresh in the minds of those who expressed these doubts.

THE ANSWER TO this will, of course, be that the market inspectors must see to it that the most up-to-date hygienic and sanitary rules are observed by all stall holders and others connected with the running of this magnificent building. This is something, however, that can only be achieved by the strictest supervision. Knowing the class of people the authorities will have to deal with, such supervision, if it is to be effective and satisfactory, so as to preserve the appearance of this splendid structure, must be entrusted to a staff whose duties will be to pay personal attention to the question of cleanliness. This is a point to which the authorities should give their early attention if they wish this stately building to remain for all time a credit to Hongkong.



Mrs. Percy Chen as she will appear in her dance to-morrow night.

"THE KING'S  
PARTING FROM  
HIS FAVOURITE"Mrs. Percy Chen's  
Dance At To-morrow's  
Charity Ball

Mr. Lan-fan delighted millions of Chinese theatre goers in all parts of China with his grace in the part of the Favourite of a Chinese Emperor who nearly lost his kingdom to the barbarians. Mrs. Percy Chen has chosen the famous sword dance from this play to entertain those who will be present at the St. John Ambulance Ball to-morrow.

The dance of the Favourite is one of the most eloquent episodes of the play. The Emperor whose country has been invaded is downcast and despondent. He feels that all is lost and wants to give up the fight. But his Favourite seeks to re-kindle the patriotic and kingly qualities in her Emperor, so she takes up his sword and, by her dancing, urges him to take the field once more.

## RHYTHM OF THE DANCE

The Chinese classical drama employs dance and miming to portray emotions and even words. The rhythm of the dance is as marked as the "combinations" or routine of the western classical or plastic ballet. To the westerner some of the movements, when performed by a Chinese actor or actress, are so delicate as to be meaningless unless one is already initiated into the patter and conventionalities of the Chinese classical drama.

Mrs. Percy Chen has sought to capture the cadences of the rhythm of the Dance and will give the onlookers a clearer understanding of the end of a "verse." The conventionalities denoting the "savoury" will be recognized. An when the dancer whirls the shining sword to the crescendo of the music of the drums, the onlookers will realize that they are being carried into the middle of the confusion and bewilderment of the battle.

Those attending the Ball are requested to book their tables without delay so as to avoid disappointment. There will be a cover charge of \$2.00 after 11 p.m. Except for the usual toasts, and in order to ensure the performance of the programme of dances and the cabaret items, there will be no speeches as in former years. By special request "The Gay Nineties" will appear.

TENDERS FOR  
STALLS IN  
NEW MARKETGovernment Revenue  
Will Be Enhanced

With only four sections out of six in the New Central Market tendered for, and let, the revenue that will accrue to the Government from this source is estimated to exceed \$250,000 a year.

Yesterday, bids were received for 18 stalls in the section for the sale of pork. The highest tender for a stall, was \$268.80, and the lowest \$185.50.

Forty-four stalls in this section were let at "closed tendering" at an average of \$7192 a stall.

Total revenue each month from this section will be \$5,583.80.

Tenders for the remaining sections, for the sale of fruit and vegetables will be received at the Market to-morrow and on Tuesday, May 2, respectively.

There will be no official opening ceremony, as at first thought, but one or more sections will be ready for business next week.

DISTURBED YEAR  
FOR LIVERPOOL  
CORN TRADEU.S. Government  
CriticizedANNUAL REPORT OF  
ASSOCIATION

LONDON, April 26 (Reuter).—Apart from the war years, the past year has been the most disturbed and the most anxious in the history of the Liverpool corn trade, says the annual report of the Liverpool Corn Trade Association, attributing this to the steep decline in world prices, and the combined acts of Governments which hindered free exports and imports, storage and distribution of wheat. In particular, the action of the British Government is stated to have curtailed the economic storage space. In view of the uncertainty when security stock would be released the corn trade had not dared to contract for supplies ahead in the normal manner.

The Association complains that the Government should have selected three large milling firms only as channels through which security stock accumulated, leaving the trade, as a whole, in the dark concerning the Government's intentions of holdings.

STORAGE QUESTION.—Referring to the storage question the Association is glad to say that in the last few weeks the Food Defence Plans Department was doing its utmost to release storage space by considerably reducing the security stock in public warehouses in Liverpool with a resultant increase in private stocks.

The report criticizes the United States Government's sale of three million quarters on a subsidy basis. The effect of this sale on Liverpool's was to drive down prices and curtail business.

Regarding the present efforts of the International Wheat Advisory

NEGOTIATIONS TO CONVERT AXIS  
PACT INTO MILITARY ALLIANCE  
FAILCredit  
Facilities  
For RumaniaTREND OF TALKS  
WITH M. GAFENCU

LONDON, April 26 (Reuter).—Further conversations were held yesterday afternoon between M. Gafencu, the Rumanian Foreign Minister, and Lord Halifax, the British Foreign Secretary, in the Foreign Office.

No official information of the course or scope of the talks has yet been given but it is expected that a communique will be issued to-morrow.

In the meantime, says Reuter's diplomatic correspondent, there is reason to believe that arrangements have been made for an extension to Rumania of facilities under the Exports Credit Scheme to enable Rumania to increase materially her exports to Britain. It is believed that the question of the supply of arms to Rumania was also discussed.

Committee, the Association is not optimistic, commenting on the technical difficulties which appear insuperable. Moreover, it will be uphill work for exporting countries

## Hello &amp; Goodbye

(BY A. W. HYER)

Well, what goes on in the travel department? The m.v. Marchael Joffre, repaired, overhauled, clean and white will be at the pier, Kowloon, on May 2. The Northern departure date for the Messageries Maritimes motorship will be May 3, at 8 a.m.

Lloyd Triestino has a surprise for its travellers. The s.s. Giulio Cesare will arrive in the harbour on May 20, under the command of the popular skipper Captain T. Bagli, formerly on the m.v. Victoria.

This new big steamer has been transferred from the South African run and is expected to run on the Orient route of this company in the future. Possibly the sister ship, s.s. Duilio, will also be added to the fleet on this route shortly. Imperial Airways

MONDAY, 5.20 P.M. Captain Joe Davies came flying up from Bangkok in the Delta with the Australian mail.

Mr. Hans Augustesen, a tall blond German, quick of speech and step, dashed from the plane, into the passport office and into an automobile which dashed down the Kai Tak road. Just a busy German businessman returning from such a call in Hanoi. He has been away a week. Why?

Not feeling any too well was Mr. J. Castelnau: the flight from Bangkok did not quite agree with his physical condition. Another business man, he continued the following day, Tuesday, in the m.v. Ivaran, to Manila where his office is located.

## Tuesday Arrival

UP FROM Bangkok with the delayed English mail came Captain A. I. Dykes, landing at Kai Tak, 4.05 p.m. Radio Operator Dolman, a recent arrival in the Colony for this company, had taken over the berth of Co-Pilot Bressy who has been ill since his arrival here on Friday.

Mr. E. Firozuddin, travelling from Calcutta, found the air journey agreeable and an excellent means of transport for business. This gentleman from India is sailing to Japan on business.

Mr. F. Balfour, an English gentleman from Bangkok, turned out to be one of the shyest visitors to date. Blushing profusely he ran for shelter to the waiting motor car. s.s. Talma

IN FROM SOUTHERN ports, and carrying a large batch of visitors and cargo, the s.s. Talma slipped alongside the pier at 5 p.m. on Tuesday.

A holiday go Mr. R. Ball and Mr. T. R. Derby who are giving the Colony their first "once-over." These two happy tea planters are connected with the D. S. Assam Co., in Assam. Ah! the tea business? "Very good, in the last year or two"—and they come visiting China to see all about "the tea in China." However, their calls in this section of the country will be short.

Out to-morrow in the Empress of Russia for a trip to Honolulu: then still holidaying in the islands of sweet music, etc. these gentlemen plan to continue to the United States. Eventually they arrive in England, and by that time probably it will be the end of their vacation and back to Assam they go.

Mr. G. G. Rich, a frequent visitor to our shores from Singapore, was quite reluctant. "I'm not an exciting person," he smilingly reported. However we would say his looks belie the statement. Several weeks here and he will return to the south.

On a pleasure cruise are Miss Charlotte Rodman, Mr. J. E. Bacon, Mrs. E. Woodward, all three of these passengers will go sailing out via the Empress of Russia on a delightful vacation. After seeing many places, people and things they will end up home in the south, Empress of Russia

THE TINY, SPRY and efficient Captain J. F. Patrick brought the Empress of Russia into port, early yesterday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. James Glen, prominent Manila residents, came to Hongkong on a pleasure and business call.

The President of the Board of Examiners for Mechanical Engineers, Mr. C. Hidalgo was accompanied by his wife. These Manila residents are snatching a few days of relaxation and vacation in the form of a voyage to the Colony.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Valero and Miss R. Valero are holidaying. The Vice-President of the Gold Star Mining concern plans to spend several weeks about our city.

And still more Manila residents who appear to wish an escape from southern climates arrived on the Empress. Mrs. L. E. Schmeltzer will visit in our cooler weather leaving behind Mr. Schmeltzer, broker in the Philippines.

Buried in the Empress of Russia's Tourist Class Passenger list is a name which has a familiar ring, Mr. E. F. Snow. Now, if this gentleman who eluded us so neatly yesterday morning on the ship's arrival is the same and one famous person we believe—Then Hongkong is having the pleasure of a visit from (Mr. Edgar Snow) the widely read author of "Red Star Over China." During the past week we have been searching incoming ships from Manila in the hope of meeting the outstanding gentleman, and after all our sleuthing, in he comes and we missed his presence completely. The many friends in the Colony waiting to greet this gentleman will find him in residence in the Gloucester Hotel during his stay.

LONDON, APR. 26 (REUTER).—THE FACT THAT THERE IS NO NEWS OF THE DATE OF COUNT CIANO'S VISIT TO BERLIN is taken by the Foreign Affairs correspondent of the "Daily Press" to mean that the reported negotiations to convert the anti-Comintern Pact into a military alliance have broken down.

The correspondent, who asserts that Count Ciano has cancelled his plan to attend Herr Hitler's Reichstag speech, states that this is the authoritative explanation he received from Rome.

According to the report, Japan has hesitated, her naval authorities being impressed by President Roosevelt's order to concentrate the U.S. Fleet in the Pacific, but German diplomacy is still making an eleventh hour efforts to change the Japanese Government's decision.

## JAPAN'S POSITION

Describing the deliberations going on "without intermission," in the inner circles of the Japanese Government as "momentous," the Tokyo correspondent of "The Times" says that, on balance, it is still permissible to expect that whatever Herr Hitler may promise his audience on Friday, he will be unable to say that Japan will fight the Axis battles in the Pacific.



# Conscription Will Be Patriotically Accepted In Britain

## GOVERNMENT'S DECISION WELL SUPPORTED

### Determination To Protect Imperial Interests

#### UNCOMPROMISING LABOUR VIEW

LONDON, APRIL 26 (REUTERS)—HEADLINES BLAZONED THE GOVERNMENT'S REPORTED DECISION TO INTRODUCE A MEASURE OF CONSCRIPTION in the early editions of this morning's newspapers, but the news came too late to alter the prevailing editorial comment which was confined to the budget.

The displacement of the budget from the leading position in the news pages gave late night workers and West End revellers their second stern reminder, within a few hours, of the seriousness of the times through which Britain is passing.

At the same time, the shock was not great, for the nation has been fully prepared, reading signs and warnings in the press in the last few days, for further sacrifices affecting not only their pockets.

Speculation among political correspondents on what Government is planning, following last night's surprise Cabinet meeting, and Mr. Chamberlain's call on His Majesty, shows remarkable unanimity. There is no entire agreement on the age group stated to be contemplated—it ranges from 18 to 20, according to the "Daily Herald" and "Daily Telegraph," 18 to 21 according to the "Daily Mirror" and "Daily Express," and 18 to 25 by the "Daily Mail,"—but, in other essentials, the correspondents have the same information.

**FOUR YEARS' SERVICE**  
Thus, it is agreed that the young men affected will serve a short period in the Regular Army—three to four months—and will then be drafted to local Territorial units for, as the "Daily Mail" insists, four years.

A list of reserved occupations announced at the time of issue of the National Service Handbook, since added to, is considered likely to be revised in order to free the greatest possible number of men.

The "Daily Telegraph" calculates that 450,000 would be conscripted according to the 1931 census figures.

It is recalled by the "Daily Express" that there were over a million between the ages of 18 and 20 in Great Britain at that time.

**TO "APPEASE" OPPOSITION**  
Some reports assert that the necessary Bill will not be rushed through the House, but will be subject to some debate in order that the Opposition may be "appeased." The "Daily Herald" correspondent says that intense feeling has been aroused in Opposition circles by the news of Mr. Chamberlain's sudden abandonment of his repeated declaration that peace time conscription was not under consideration.

Much reference is made to representations from abroad, particularly from France and War Office experts, having influenced the Government's reported decision, in addition to the admitted seriousness of the international situation.

Mr. Chamberlain's meeting with Mr. Attlee and Mr. Greenwood, after to-day's meeting of the Cabinet, where it is likely that the Government's conscription deliberations will be completed, will, no doubt, have an important bearing on the attitude of the Opposition and possibly a statement may be expected at the end of question time in the House of Commons this afternoon.

**PATRIOTIC ACCEPTANCE**  
In a brief editorial, the "Daily Mail" comments thus: "The Government has decided on a measure which the country will support. Compulsory service has long been foreseen as inevitable and will be patriotically accepted."

"Conscription is a warning to the world that Britain is determined to protect her imperial interests and to live up to her pledged word."

**THE REAL AUTHOR**  
The "Daily Express" says: "Herr Hitler is the real author of both measures, (conscription and the Budget) and Herr Hitler, when he frames his reply to President Roosevelt on Friday, will know where we stand. He must make no mistake. Conscription was intro-

duced because it was will of the people."

**WELCOMED IN PARIS**

PARIS, April 26 (Reuters)—The press unanimously welcomes the reported British decision to adopt conscription declaring that Britain's efforts will go far towards persuading the totalitarian states of the folly of going to war.

"Jour Echo de Paris" writes, "The decision taken by the United Kingdom is already being followed by Australia and South Africa who sent keen and magnificent troops to the French front in the Great War."

"Petit Parisien" writes, "Poland, Rumania and Greece will interpret the British decision as a logical complement to the promises of assistance. Soviet Russia and Turkey will speed up negotiations in building the defence front of eastern Europe."

**NO COMMENT IN ROME**

ROME, April 26 (Reuters)—The reported British decision to adopt conscription—recorded in the newspapers without comment—is regarded as a vain attempt to intimidate Germany. Doubts are expressed whether the soldier is capable of handling modern arms and can be trained in a few months, and Britain is still considered not ready to enter the lists as a land power.

**GERMAN VIEW**

BERLIN, April 26 (T/Ocean)—The campaign in favour of an introduction of compulsory service in Great Britain—a measure, which, if taken, should be a serious warning to Germany, according to the English and French press—fails to make any impression here, declares the "Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung" yesterday evening.

The paper writes that if Great Britain thinks to create an impression in Germany by means of such "threatening warnings," it is much mistaken.

The paper proceeds to cite in this connection Hitler's book "My Struggle," in which he points out that the existing form of nations' fighting forces is less important than the will and the energy to utilize those forces and that England has never refused to consent to necessary sacrifices to ensure a victory.

Hence, according to the paper, whatever decision the British Government may reach, it would be folly to hope to take Germany by surprise or to induce her by means of warnings or threats to go out of the straight course she is steering.

**INFLUENCE ON WORLD OPINION**

The news of the return of the British and French Ambassadors to Berlin has been received with a marked reserve in political circles here. The view prevails that this move is destined to influence the world public opinion still more greatly against Germany.

Should, it is said, Chancellor Hitler's speech fail to give a satisfaction in the western capitals, it could be maintained in the Democratic countries that England and France had taken the step towards an appeasement, but that it henceforth is necessary to be prepared for the worst and—in the case of England—to introduce the compulsory military service.

# Japan Will Not Stand Strain Of War

CHUNGKING, April 25 (Central)—Interviewed by a "Ta Kung Pao" representative yesterday, Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek expressed his firm belief that Japan would not stand the strain of prolonged hostilities.

"China's big offensive," Generalissimo Chiang said, "has not yet begun. In the present fighting to the east of the Canton-Hankow and Peiping-Hankow Railways too great significance must not be attached to the gain or loss of a district or a town."

Referring to the international situation, Generalissimo Chiang stated that it had turned out all as expected. He emphasized the importance of the present attitude of the United States.

Generalissimo Chiang denied rumours of Sir Archibald Kerr Clark Kerr's mediation in the Sino-Japanese war. He said that the British Ambassador had no special mission on his present trip to Chungking.

# BUDGET GENERALLY APPROVED

LONDON, April 26 (Reuters)—Government supporters generally approve of Sir John Simon's policy in avoiding an additional burden on the Income Tax, says Reuters's lobby correspondent.

The decision to impose further taxation to meet the additional cost of defence is regarded as a gesture of the British determination which is expected to be appreciated by other countries.

Approval is expressed of the proposal to tighten the provisions against tax evasion.

The Opposition members express relief that the burdens are not heavier, but a number of Labour members feel that more could have been raised by taxing the higher ranges of income tax payers, thus pressing less heavily on payers of indirect taxes—sugar and tobacco.

**FRENCH IMPRESSED**

PARIS, April 26 (Reuters)—Britain has risen wonderfully to the occasion, is the feeling here following the announcement of the British Budget by Sir John Simon, and this, it is reported, has created a deep impression.

# DEFENCE EXPENDITURE THE CARDINAL ISSUE IN BRITAIN'S BUDGET

LONDON, APRIL 26 (REUTERS)—IN THE COURSE OF HIS SPEECH IN INTRODUCING THE BRITISH BUDGET IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS YESTERDAY, Sir John Simon, Chancellor of the Exchequer, stated that Supplementary expenditure for defence was a most serious and important question and a cardinal issue in the present Budget.

Compared with the original figures of £580,000,000 for defence this year—£350,000,000 from loan, and £230,000,000 from revenue—the figures had risen to the region of £630,000,000 for defence in all its aspects, and it might well be more.

The total difference should not be met by loan, and there must be additional taxation.

Of the difference, £24,000,000 would be met out of revenue. The taxpayers, therefore, would find £24,000,000, and £380,000,000 would be obtained by borrowing.

Sir John Simon announced the abolition of the medicine stamp duty, and a reduction in the theatre entertainment duties.

He announced an excise duty on films and plates manufactured in Britain which would be equivalent to twopenny on the popular roll films, giving an estimated revenue of £800,000 this year, and £1,000,000 in a full year.

**NO INCOME TAX INCREASE**  
Sir John Simon declared that there would be no increase in the income tax standard rate, an announcement received with cheers.

The cheers ceased when the Chancellor announced that the motor car tax would be increased by ten shillings to 25s. per horse power from January next, and there was silence when he announced changes in surtax and estate duties.

As regards surtax, a surcharge of a further five per cent. on incomes up to £8,000, and further ten per cent. on those over £8,000, would be payable.

Tobacco duty would be raised from to-morrow by two shillings to 11s. 6 per pound.

Sugar duty would be increased by one farthing a pound as from to-day.

Sir John Simon indicated that there would be death duty of ten per cent. on estates over £50,000.

# British Ambassador's Interview With German Foreign Minister Delayed

BERLIN, APRIL 26 (REUTERS)—THE INTERVIEW WHICH SIR NEVILLE HENDERSON, THE BRITISH AMBASSADOR IN BERLIN, was expected to have yesterday with Herr von Ribbentrop, the Reich's Foreign Minister, did not take place, but it was announced later that the German Minister would probably receive Sir Neville either to-day or on Thursday.

# CANADIAN BUDGET

OTTAWA, April 26 (Reuters)—Mr. Charles Dunning, Canadian Minister of Finance, in introducing the Budget yesterday, announced that a five per cent. duty would be imposed on imports of tin and crude rubber from countries not enjoying British preference.

Imports from all countries enjoying an intermediate tariff and most favoured nation privileges would no longer be liable to the special three per cent. excise tax.

# THE BUDGET

## MOTOR SHARES MAINTAINED

### In Face Of High Increase In Tax

LONDON, April 26 (Reuters)—The city took the staggering Budget figures unflinchingly the serious international outlook having prepared everybody for the Herculean effort. The manner in which the Chancellor of the Exchequer proposes to meet the present emergency by distributing the burden as widely as possible is generally approved.

Criticism is confined to the heavy increase in horse-power tax which some fear may hit British exports of high-powered cars the market for which only recently has been painstakingly developed. On the contrary the heavier tax is also likely to reduce to British market for imported cars of high horse-power.

Motor shares were well maintained in the face of the unexpectedly high increase in tax.

Tobacco shares were slightly below yesterday's close. Relief at escaping additional taxation is reflected in the rise in brewery shares.

**NO STERLING REACTION**

Sterling which is normally greatly affected by budget statements has shown scarcely any reaction as huge borrowing is fully anticipated. Moreover, it is held impossible to base the outlook on economic factors alone, while the international situation continues fraught with danger.

The opinion is expressed that the increased surtax is unlikely to cause an overflow of capital.

Unperturbed by the additional tax burden sugar continued on the upgrade and terminals were firm on persistent tightness of supplies which are considered likely to continue until the end of the present quota year unless the International Sugar Council agrees to further releases.

Prices for refined sugar were also higher partly owing to the scarcity immediately of available supplies which the recent Treasury action curtailed as a precautionary budget measure and partly in adjustment of increased duty. Leading sugar refiners told Reuters that they did not expect a falling off in consumption for the present although the possibility of a slight recession in demand from the poorer classes later was not ruled out.

# PASSENGERS BY AENEAS

The following passengers arrived in Hongkong in the a.s. Aeneas from the United Kingdom, via ports:—

Capt. J. Atkins, Mr. & Mrs. C. G. Beeching, Miss Mary E. Colchester, Mrs. Janet Crawford, Mr. Augustine Foley, Mr. Ernst Freyer, Mr. A. M. Halley, Mrs. D. Hunter & Master David Hunter, Dr. Ming Nie Hwang, Mr. E. W. P. & Mrs. Mills Mrs. M. Kruschke, Mr. G. G. Morris, Mr. Edwin D. Smart, Mrs. Emily Walker, Mrs. Lillian Wilkie, Mrs. Lillian Waller, Master Kenneth Waller, Master Frank Waller, Mr. Leslie Willis.

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# FIRST FOREIGN MINISTER TO VISIT BERLIN WITHOUT BEING PERSUADED TO LIMIT COUNTRY'S INDEPENDENCE

LONDON, APRIL 26 (REUTERS)—DISCOUNTING THE INEVITABILITY OF WAR, M. Gafencu, the Rumanian Foreign Minister, interviewed by Mr. Vernon Bartlett, the diplomatic correspondent of the "News Chronicle," declares: "I for one refuse to believe that we cannot find a common language in which to discuss the possibilities of peace."

Mr. Bartlett himself writes that he believes Mr. Gafencu is the first foreign minister to visit Berlin in recent months without being persuaded to sign some document which limited his country's independence.

"One hopes that his colleague in the Balkan Pact and Little Entente, M. Markovitch, who is visiting Berlin, will remember this notable precedent."

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## LLOYD TRIESTINO'S NEW LINER FOR ORIENT RUN

Arriving in Hongkong harbour on May 20 on the first call to the Far East, is the s.s. Giulio Cesare, of the Lloyd Triestino Steamship Line. This vessel and a sister-ship, the s.s. Dullio, have a gross tonnage, respectively, of approximately 27,000 tons, and are favourably known to many of the travelling public through the excellent service they have given for several years on the South African route.

The s.s. Giulio Cesare left Genoa on April 20, under the command of Capt. T. Bagli, well-known from his service on the m. v. Victoria in the Far East. Sailing through the Suez to Colombo, the steamer will continue straight to Shanghai due to a sell-out of reservations from the south to the northern city.

Leaving Shanghai on May 17, the new vessel will call several days later in the Colony, then continuing her voyage home via Manila, Singapore, Colombo, Aden and on to the port of Genoa.

Reservations to Europe are open and all information pertaining to accommodations may be obtained at the local Lloyd Triestino office.

### MODERN REFRIGERATION

Regarding express and freight, the "Giulio Cesare" has been constructed especially for the transportation of a variety of perishable goods and is endowed with the most modern refrigerating installations. This space, in each ship, has a total capacity of about 104,000 cubic feet and is adapted for the carriage of different kinds of goods, such as fruit, chilled or frozen meat, fish, eggs, etc.

The loading and unloading appliances are adapted to every requirement, both as regards celerity and lifting power.

These two luxurious and modern steamers have turbine engines

fed by oil-burning boilers which give them a speed of over 20 knots.

The "Giulio Cesare" is approximately 670 feet in length, the first Class accommodation has a large number of Public Rooms with the addition of a Club, situated on the boat-deck. There is an open-air swimming pool, with its "Lido" and a gymnasium adjoining. The large cabins are beautifully furnished and offer every possible comfort, most of them having running fresh and salt water and private baths.

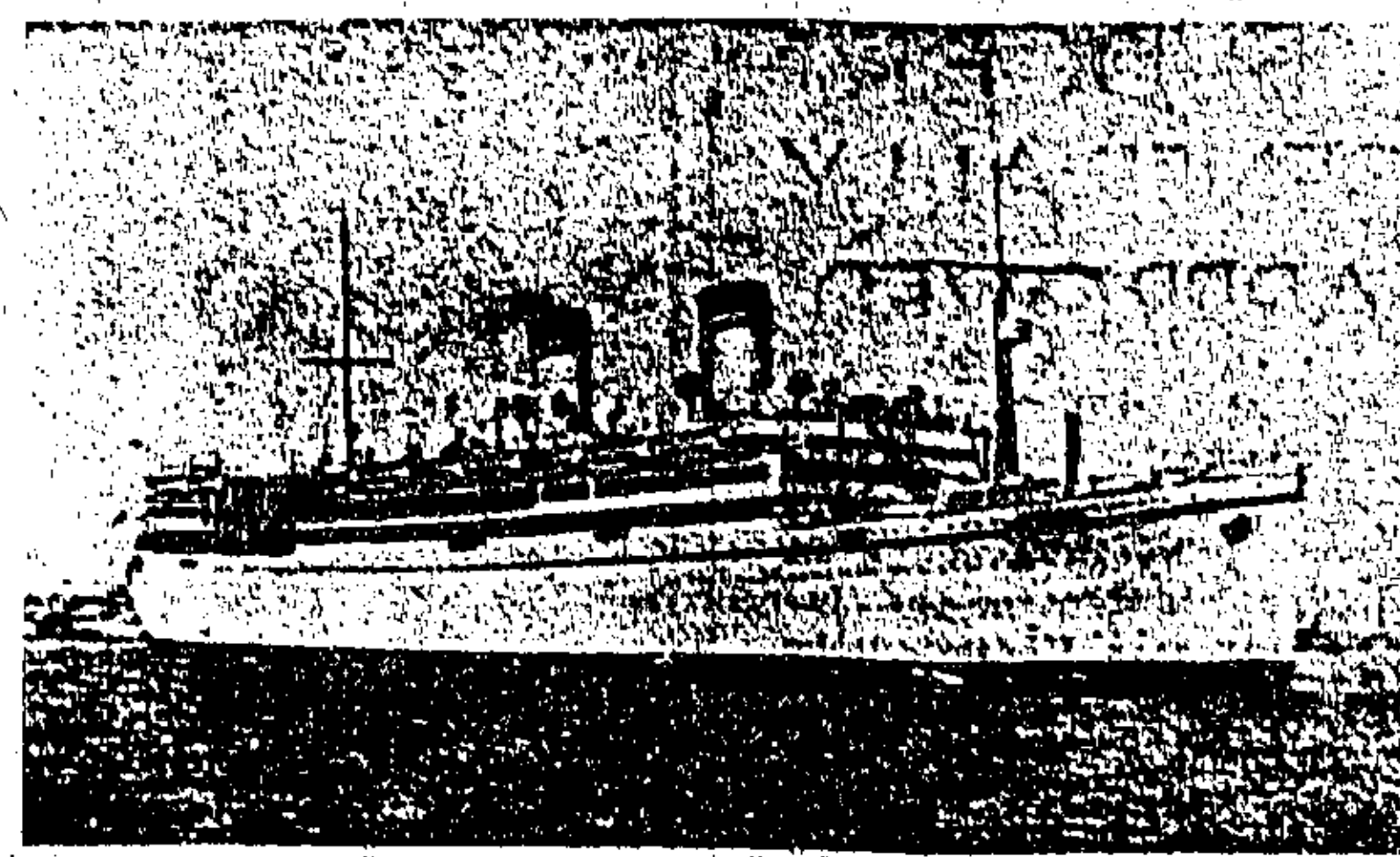
The Second Class, which like the First is placed amidships, has a number of spacious Public Rooms. The cabins are modern and comfortable.

### TOURIST CLASS

The Tourist Class accommodation is attractive and comfortable to the extreme and is provided with all conveniences. There is a cinema theatre, dark room, several shops, the ship's magazine, the ordinary wireless installation plus a perfect plant of wireless telephony, which permits conversation with every part of the world. All of these comforts are at the disposal of the passengers.

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The Lloyd Triestino cordially invite the public of Hongkong to inspect the s.s. Giulio Cesare on her arrival here next month.



The 27,000-ton s.s. Giulio Cesare, of the Lloyd Triestino Steamship Co., which will arrive in Hongkong on May 20 on her first call to the Far East.

## UNCLAIMED TELEGRAMS

The following unclaimed telegrams are lying at the office of the Great Northern Telegraph Co. (Ltd.):—

Late Hsu Pui Jun's family c/o Government Hospital; 7490; 4798; Sum Shing Fat c/o Luk Kwok Hotel 424; all from Shanghai.

Moyer c/o Chiao, 3 Garden Terrace, Garden Road, from Peking. Chang c/o Mee Chow Hotel 422, from Tientsin.

9539, from Tientsin.

Debo, from Hidakamisono, Japan.

## AIRPORT NEWS

Imperial Airways.

### NORTHBOUND

Thursday: Bangkok, Hanoi, Hongkong. Dorado—4.30 p.m.

### SOUTHBOUND

Friday: Hanoi, Bangkok. Delta, Delphinus—7 and 7.30 a.m. Air France.

### NORTHBOUND

Thursday: France, Hanoi, Hongkong. Service—1 p.m.

### SOUTHBOUND

Saturday: Hanoi, France. Service 7 a.m.

Pan American Airways.

### EASTBOUND

Sunday: U.S.A., Manila, Hongkong.

China Clipper—2 p.m.

### WESTBOUND

Monday: Manila, U.S.A. China Clipper—8.30 a.m.

Note: The Air France service from France has been delayed one day due to fog, and is expected early this morning from Fort Bayard, with mail and passengers. The Pan American Airways' Clipper has been delayed at Midway Island, due to poor weather conditions.

eight bales of jute and 650 rice bowls. Detective Inspector O'Donovan prosecuted. Both defendants, represented by Mr. D. McCallum, pleaded not guilty and were discharged for lack of evidence.

## LOCAL HEALTH RETURNS

Twenty-five cases of tuberculosis (one imported) were notified to the Health Department on April 25, in addition to ten cases of measles (one imported), six cases of cerebro-spinal fever, five cases of dysentery (one imported), two cases each of diphtheria and enteric fever and one case of chicken-pox.

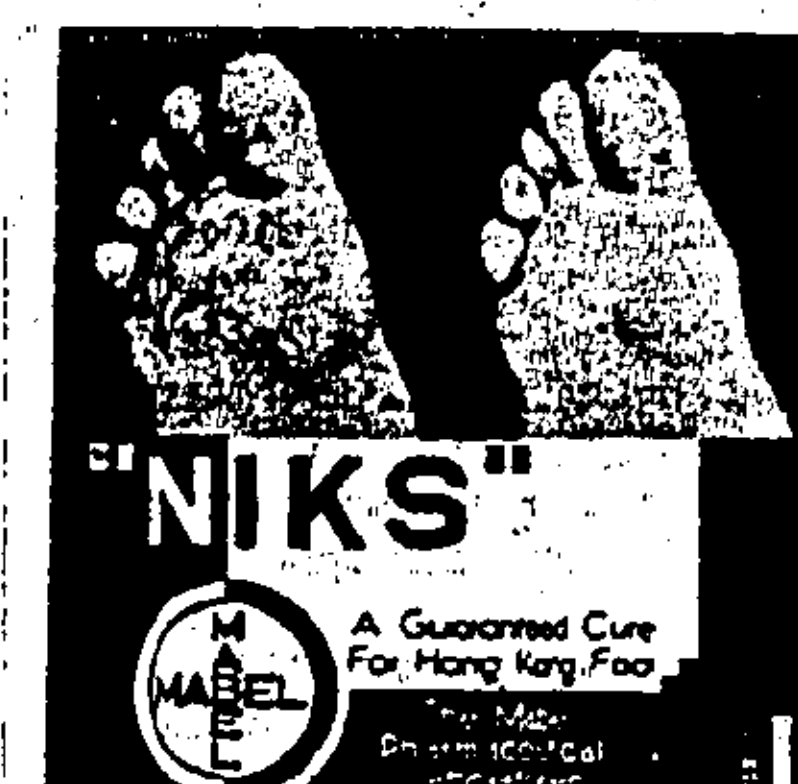
## POSSESSION OF ARMS AND GUNPOWDER

Four muskets, two cannons, 180 percussion caps and 12 lbs. of gun powder were seized from a fishing junk anchored at Aberdeen on Monday when police visited the vessel.

As a result, Wong Yu-ching, assistant master of the junk, and his fooki Wong Yee, were charged before Mr. T. J. Houston at the Central Court yesterday with the possession of arms and gun powder, and were each fined \$50, in default, two months' imprisonment.

The police stated that they were not pressing the case as the arms were for the protection of the junk.

Hui Lal, unemployed, appeared before Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Court yesterday charged with assaulting a married woman, Yui Tsai-king, at Stanley Street, on Monday last. Defendant was alleged to have struck the complainant with a spanner during a quarrel.



NIKX (Nerve and Kidney) medicine.

## WEATHER REPORT

### HONGKONG ROYAL OBSERVATORY

10 a.m., April 28  
Barometer, (at Sea level) 29.94 ins.  
Temperature, 73 F.  
Humidity, 96 per cent.  
Wind Direction, Calm.  
Wind Force (Beaufort), 0.  
Temperature, maximum yesterday, 74 F.  
Temperature, minimum last night, 70 F.  
Rainfall for 24 hours ending 10th today, 0.39 ins.  
Total rainfall since January 1st, 18.10 ins.  
Against an average of, 10.26 ins.  
Sunset to-night, 6.47 p.m.  
Sunrise to-morrow, 5.55 a.m.  
4 p.m., April 28.  
Barometer (at sea level), 29.83 ins.  
Temperature, 74 F.  
Humidity, 88 per cent.  
Wind Direction, W.  
Wind Force (Beaufort), 1.  
Maximum temperature, 75 F.  
Minimum temperature, 70 F.  
Rainfall, nil.

## HONG KONG TIDE TABLE

From 27 Apr. to 3 May 1939

Days of Week	Date of Month	HIGH WATER		LOW WATER	
		Hong Kong Standard Time	Height	Hong Kong Standard Time	Height
Thur.	27	h. m.	ft. in.	h. m.	ft. in.
		04 33	4.4	07 46	4.0
		15 09	6.3	22 50	1.7
Fri.	28	05 44	4.7	10 13	4.1
		16 47	6.0	23 48	1.8
Sat.	29	06 33	6.0	11 58	3.7
		18 04	5.9		
Sun.	30	07 12	5.5	00 37	2.0
		19 18	5.8	13 08	2.9
Mon.	1	07 47	5.9	01 17	2.2
		20 22	5.7	13 58	2.3
Tues.	2	08 23	5.4	01 54	2.4
		21 15	5.5	14 44	1.8
Wed.	3	08 45	5.7	02 27	2.4
		22 12	5.3	15 28	1.3

Mak Kan, master of the Mak Kan Kee second-hand dealers, No. 202, Wing Lok Street, and his fooki, Li Ming, appeared before Mr. T. J. Houston at the Central Court yesterday on charges of receiving

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Neuritis  
Earache  
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## Finance and Commerce

### ACTION OF JAPANESE NAVY STRONGLY CRITICIZED AT DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY'S MEETING

#### Continued Interference With British Merchant Shipping Unjustified

STRONG CRITICISM OF THE JAPANESE NAVY IN DETAINING THE S.S. SAGRES, CHARTERED VESSEL OF THE DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP CO. LTD., was made by Mr. W. E. Kirby, Secretary of the China Coast Guild, at the 56th annual general meeting of the company, held in the P. and O. Building yesterday.

"In general, this further unwarranted action against British property simply amounts to armed piracy, although such reference may conflict with diplomatic niceties," Mr. Kirby said. "But in view of the fact that this latest outrage is only one of many recently on the China Coast where British shipping is concerned, it would seem full time that His Majesty's Government informed the Imperial Japanese Government in no hesitant and appeasing terms that this continued interference with British merchant shipping pursuing its lawful occasions is not only a hostile gesture towards a nation with whom normal relations exist, but it is also an unjustifiable policy which will no longer be tolerated."

Mr. S. T. Williamson, was in the Chair and others present were Sir Robert Ho Tung, Mr. H. J. Armstrong, Mr. H. V. Wilkinson (Consulting Committee), Mr. C. L. Farmer (Secretary), and the following shareholders: — Messrs. T. Ramsey, W. E. Kirby, A. H. Potts, J. F. Wright, Jr., N. V. A. Croucher, C. B. Brown, Hon. Yan-lam, Capt. O. H. Farrar and Capt. W. B. Patey.

A favourable year was reported, which was attributed by the Chairman largely to the abnormal conditions prevailing on the coast. The Chairman also made reference to the detention of the Sagres.

A Provident Fund Scheme, reference to which was made last year, was approved.

#### CHAIRMAN'S SPEECH

The Chairman said:—After paying all running expenses, docking charges, insurance premia and all allowances, writing off depreciation and transferring \$275,000 to general reserve, the sum available for distribution is \$426,932.00 which includes the sum of \$118,364.16 brought into the Account from last year. Your consulting committee and general managers propose to appropriate this sum as follows:—

To Pay a Dividend of 10% (\$5 per share)=\$100,000.00  
To Pay a Bonus of 10% (\$5 per share)=\$100,000.00  
To Carry Forward to next account \$226,932.76

\$426,932.76

While being pleased to be able to present such a favourable report for the year ending December 31, 1938, this, as you will doubtless appreciate, has been largely due to the abnormal conditions prevailing on the Coast, and unfortunately there is no assurance that these conditions will continue—in saying this I do not mean to be pessimistic nor do I intend to try and forecast the future which is much too obscure and all we can do is to hope for the best. The fleet value stands at a very conservative figure, and we now have a reasonable reserve fund in hand to meet any unforeseen contingencies.

During the first half of the year under review the coastal business was exceptionally good, but the latter half of the year showed quite a reduction in the ordinary merchant business on the coast, principally due to uncertain trading, and to the exchange position which fluctuated widely between 105 and 195—this of course is also reflected in our coast port earnings, there have also been serious restrictions between our various Ports regarding the carriage of deck passengers. The "Seistan" purchase referred to by the chairman at the last Meeting has proved to be well justified.

#### SAGRES INCIDENT

Due to the position at Amoy and Foochow we had to extend our activities further North and found it necessary to charter the s.s. "Sagres" in order to maintain our regular sailings. I regret having to report a serious incident which has arisen this month in the un-

justifiable seizure of the "Sagres" by the Japanese Navy as reported in this morning's Press as follows:—

"The officers and crew of the s.s. 'Sagres' have returned this afternoon from the Pescadores in the Japanese ship 'Canton Maru.' Before leaving the Pescadores the Master was informed that the 'Sagres' has been detained for further examination by the Japanese authorities and her part cargo of 80 tons salt would be confiscated. Both officers and men during their 14 days detention at the Pescadores were repeatedly examined by the Japanese authorities as to the bona fides of the ship, her cargo and ports of call—there can be no doubt as to the right of the ship to fly the Red Ensign or of the correctness of her trading."

"It will be recalled that H.M.S. 'Thracian' was sent from Swatow to investigate when the news of a threat of seizure was received. H.M.S. 'Thracian' found the 'Sagres' in the hands of a prize crew and under naval escort, although strong protest was made by her Commanding Officer to the Japanese destroyer Commander, the right to board the 'Sagres' was refused. Since the seizure of the 'Sagres' energetic action has been taken with the Japanese Naval authorities and the matter has been referred to the Foreign Office."

The results of these protests is not yet known but in view of the unwarranted detention of the vessel further action will be required to effect the release of the vessel. The owners and the Douglas S.S. Co. Ltd. who are the charterers have fully satisfied the Authorities as to the bona fides of the 'Sagres'."

Although this incident did not take place during the year under review, it is mentioned at this meeting owing to its grave nature and in order to keep shareholders advised as to the actual position.

Our investments have appreciated in volume since December, 1937 and this appreciation is shown in the accounts, and investments stand at the market rate as at December 31, 1938.

It will be noted that the interest and dividends on Investments are shown at \$16,931.00—actually the amount is a good deal higher, but in order to conform with modern practice we are departing from our previous method of anticipating dividends on Investments—it now means that only dividends received during the currency of our financial year will be shown in the balance sheet in future.

#### PROVIDENT FUND

At the last annual meeting, reference was made to the proposed formation of a Benefit Fund for our floating staff, provident or otherwise, and also regarding a bonus payment of 10 per cent. on salaries to be paid to certificated ranks with unbroken service during the year 1937. Your consulting committee and general managers now intend to fulfil their promise and have prepared a Provident Fund scheme which, if the amount is approved at this meeting, will be implemented immediately.

The scheme consists of inaugurating a Provident Fund, the principal of which is, that an initial starting grant will be made to the fund by the company for each certificated Officer now serving on our vessels with service prior to December, 1938—the sum placed to the credit of each member of the Provident Fund to be based on his length of service with the company as at December, 1938, plus the 10% Bonus granted for the year 1937. The total sum necessary to start the Fund is \$97,701— which may appear a considerable sum, but your consulting committee and general managers consider it reasonable and desirable to provide for the future of those who have served us faithfully and loyally in the past. The scheme will thereafter continue on the usual basis of the employee and employer making monthly contributions to the Fund.

I trust this proposal will meet with your approval as the company is I consider now in a position to take this step in order to safeguard the interests of our employees, many of whom have served the Company for long periods.

I do not think there is anything further in the accounts to comment upon, so now beg to propose that the report and accounts as submitted be adopted and passed. As soon as this Resolution has been seconded I will be pleased to answer to the best of my ability any questions shareholders may desire to ask."

#### SECONDER'S REMARKS

Seconding the motion, Mr. Wright said:—"It is with great pleasure that I rise to second the chairman's speech. The splendid showing for 1938 reflects great credit on the consulting committee and general managers and the staff ashore and afloat, and it is therefore an added pleasure for me to be able to endorse whole heartedly the scheme for a Provident Fund."

Although the future of coastal shipping is always obscure the strength of the balance sheet as presented places us in a very strong position.

I therefore have pleasure in seconding the proposal that the report, accounts, and provident scheme be adopted and passed. The motion was carried unanimously.

#### OTHER BUSINESS

Sir Robert Ho Tung, Mr. H. V. Wilkinson and Mr. H. J. Armstrong were re-elected to the Consulting Committee.

Messrs. Linstead and Davis and Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews were re-elected Auditors.

#### Mr. W. E. Kirby

Mr. Kirby said:—Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen: After perusal of the Company's Accounts for the past year I feel it incumbent on me to first compliment all concerned on the creditable showing, accomplished, as it has again been, over a period of uncertainty and continuous strain.

Secondly, I would thank the General Managers for the different items of information tendered by the Chairman in his address and, mindful of certain submissions I made at the last Annual Meeting I am particularly glad to hear of the inception of a Provident Fund for the Floating Staff. It is indeed a practical gesture by the General Managers which I am sure will be much appreciated by the Staff and one which will have its resultant reaction in the inspiring of a greater feeling of confidence between both sides.

I do not think the General Managers will disagree with me when I submit that, in all professions we have two types of men: the one who simply does just what he's got to do and the other who enthralls interest into his allotted task. So it is with the Merchant Service; we have the man who more or less gets around in the ship and the other, that takes an interest in getting the ship around.

#### AN IMPLICATION

If the managements of most British shipping companies operating to-day on China's coast and rivers would realise the implication of that point and act accordingly towards those to whom they entrust their ships, lives and cargo, then I am certain that a position which I have frequently experienced and whereby officers will accept service in some Companies only through sheer economic necessity, would no longer obtain.

As men of the world I know there is no need for me to indicate to the General Managers, which of the types I have referred to is the man worth encouraging, but the nature and conservative outlook of the average British seaman is such that he places far more value on the proverbial ounce of practical encouragement as against a ream of eulogy.

The getting of a ship around the China coast and adjacent ports to-day and under the circumstances as we know them, is certainly no sinecure and I would cordially thank the General Managers, for this provision they have now made for the Floating Staff.

#### JAPANESE NAVY BLAMED

We are naturally very relieved to hear of the safe return of the master and crew of the Company's chartered s.s. "Sagres" after their trying experience.

This aspect, however, in no way absolves the Japanese Navy from the serious responsibility of illegally and forcibly seizing and detaining a British coastal steamer, the papers of which, I understand, were absolutely in order.

It would appear desirable that the Japanese Government be re-

## BEST FINANCIAL YEAR: H.K. AND YAUMATI FERRY CO.'S ANNUAL MEETING

The Hongkong and Yaumati Ferry Co., Ltd., during 1938, secured a net profit of more than \$255,000, it was revealed at the annual general meeting of the Company at the Company's office Jordan Road pier yesterday.

The Company thus experienced its best financial year in the past 15 years, shareholders being permitted dividends of \$2.90 on Preferential shares, \$2.40 on Old Ordinary shares, and \$1.40 on New Ordinary shares.

Subscriptions to charity during the year amounted to \$3,600, while life saving awards, of which there were 80 cases on record, amounted to \$264.50.

Mr. Lau Tak-po, Managing Director, took the Chair. Together with almost 100 shareholders, the directors present were Dr. Kwan Sum-yin, Messrs. Li Sing-kue, Kwong Chuen, Chang Kwok-on, Young Tsun-dart, Choy Wai-hung and Wong Choh-hoo.

The annual report, read by Mr. Lau Tak-po, was as follows:

#### TRAFFIC INCREASE

The traffic on all our services has shown a general increase during the year and has broken all previous records. In view of this, your Directors have recommended the payment of a larger dividend which we trust will receive your approval. It is felt that this increased dividend will be greatly appreciated by those of our shareholders who have sustained heavy losses through the war in China.

You will no doubt note with pleasure that the overdraft with our Bankers, Messrs. The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation has been fully repaid and that for the first time in six years we now have a substantial amount standing to our credit in the bank.

#### TENDER ACCEPTED

In September last, the Government invited tender for the exclusive ferry service for the transportation of passengers and goods

## CHINESE BOYCOTT OF JAPANESE GOODS

CHUNGKING, April 26 (Central)—The Ministry of Economics has issued a circular telegram to the authorities of various provinces and municipalities asking them to exercise greater care in prohibiting the shipment of Japanese goods labelled with faked Chinese trade marks to the interior.

The Ministry has received reports that large consignments of such Japanese goods have recently been shipped to Kwangtung, Hunan, Kiangsi, Kweichow and Kwangsi through Wenchow and other ports.

Not long ago the Ministry compiled a list of Japanese imports together with their trade marks and names of manufacturers as reference for the Chinese public in the boycott of Japanese goods. To circumvent Chinese precaution Japanese manufacturers and unscrupulous Chinese merchants are alleged to have now labelled Chinese trade marks on Japanese goods.

mindful that the waters of this Colony have been and are available to their merchant tonnage without let or hindrance and that every facility is, as it should be in that connection, extended to them. This in direct contrast to the action of that Government in not only forcibly seizing and detaining the "Sagres" but also in subjecting her officers and ratings to an inquisitorial questioning.

#### UNWARRANTED ACTION

In general, this further unwarranted action against British property simply amounts to armed piracy, although such reference may conflict with diplomatic niceties. But in view of the fact that this latest outrage is only one of many recently on the China coast where British shipping is concerned, it would seem full time that His Majesty's Government informed the Imperial Japanese Government in no hesitant or appeasing terms that this continued interference with British merchant shipping pursuing its lawful occasions is not only a hostile gesture towards a nation with whom normal relations exist but it is also an unjustifiable policy which will no longer be tolerated.

Until some such definite line of action is taken by His Majesty's Government there is not the slightest doubt, but that interference with British shipping on the China coast at the hands of the Japanese Navy, will continue. While patience and restraint may be admirable qualities there is a limit and I submit in all seriousness reached.

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LAMMERT BROS. AUCTIONEERS.

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On VIEW from WEDNESDAY, the 26th APRIL, 1939.

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At their Sales Room, No. 2, Connaught Road, Central (Room No. 205, 2nd Floor)

A COLLECTION OF NOVELS AND BOOKS

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## MONEY AND EXCHANGE

## CLOSING QUOTATIONS

APRIL 26, 1939

On London:—  
Telegraphic Transfer, 1/2 31/3  
Bank Bills, on demand 1/2 31/3  
Credits 4 months' sight 1/2 31/3

On Shanghai:—  
On demand 176 1/2  
On Singapore:—  
On demand 176 1/2  
On Japan:—  
On demand 176 1/2  
On India:—  
Telegraphic Transfer, 1/2 31/3  
On New York:—  
Bank Bills, on demand 28 9/16  
Credits, 60 days' sight 29 1/16  
On Batavia:—  
On demand 53 5/8  
On Paris:—  
Bank Bills, on demand 107 1/2  
Credits 4 months' sight 107 1/2  
On Saigon:—  
On demand 107 1/2  
On Manila:—  
On demand 37 3/8  
On Bangkok:—  
On demand 151 5/8

Sterling Notes:—  
Bank Buying Rate 1/2 31/3  
Bar Silver per oz. 20 1/16

## Market Report

**FROM BOZA BROS**  
Silver prices were unchanged yesterday, the quotations remaining at 20 1/16 for Ready and 19 7/8 for Forward. Silver advances reported the market as being steady. American Silver was quoted at 42 3/4 for Spot.

The London-New York cross-rate was quoted at 468.12. New York-London was quoted at 468 1/4.

## Market

Opened steady but later eased off slightly.

## Sterling

Business was done during the course of the morning at 1/2 3/4 for November, September and July. The market closed with sellers at 1/2 3/4 for April-October and 1/2 1/16 for November-December, buyers at 1/2 3/4 for November-December.

## U.S. Dollars

Business was done early in the morning at 28 3/4 for May delivery. The market closed with possible sellers at 28 3/4 for April, 28 11/16 for May, 28 5/8 for June, 28 9/16 for July, 1/2 August and 28 1/16 for September, buyers at 28 13/16 for Cash, 28 3/4 for May, 28 11/16 for June, 28 5/8 for July, 28 9/16 for August and probably 28 1/2 for September.

## Shanghai Dollars

Sellers at 173 5/8.

## Shanghai Market

Sellers of Sterling at 8 1/4 for Spot and U.S. at 10 1/16 for Spot.

## Shanghai Exchange

Shanghai, April 26 (Reuter).

	Opening	Closing
London	0/8	0/8
New York	15-5/8	15-5/8
Japan	56-7/8	56-7/8
Paris	5-48	5-48
Hongkong	53-3/8	53-3/8

## Open Market—Selling Rates

	Spot	April	May	June
U.S. Dollars	156-1/16	156-1/16	156-1/16	156-1/16
U.S. Dollars	156-1/16	156-1/16	156-1/16	156-1/16
U.S. Dollars	156-1/16	156-1/16	156-1/16	156-1/16

## U.S. Dollars

	Spot	April	May	June
U.S. Dollars	156-1/16	156-1/16	156-1/16	156-1/16
U.S. Dollars	156-1/16	156-1/16	156-1/16	156-1/16
U.S. Dollars	156-1/16	156-1/16	156-1/16	156-1/16

## Market—Quiet

Market—Quiet.

## Merchant Rates

Sterling, 0/8-7/32.  
Dollars, 1/16.

## Silver Duty Rate

The Central Bank of China's rate on London at 10 a.m. to-day was 1/2-1/2d, unchanged from yesterday.

## The Equalisation rate

The Equalisation rate was 5-1/4 per cent.

## India Rupee Paper

Bombay, April 25 (Reuter).  
Govt. 3 1/2% Rupee, 92-09-8.

## SILVER MARKET

## LONDON SILVER

London, April 25 (Reuter).  
Silver—Small Indian demand. Trading very quiet. Market steady. In the afternoon, the market was quietly steady.

## Spot, 20-1/16d.

## Forward, 19-7/8d.

## NEW YORK SILVER

New York, April 25 (Reuter).  
Official Price, 42-3/4.

## BOMBAY SILVER

Bombay, April 25 (Reuter).  
Market—Steady. Offtake 75 bars.

## Indian Mint Silver

Ready, 52-13.  
May 13 Settlement, 52-12.  
June 15 Settlement, 52-11.

## LONDON METALS EXCHANGE

London, April 25 (Reuter).

## COPPER

buyers sellers

Standard, Cash 41-1/2 41-9/16

Standard, 3 months 41-13/16 41-7/8

Electrolytic 47-1/4 48-1/4

TIN

Standard, Cash 22-3/4 22-3/4

Standard, 3 months 22-1/2 22-3/4

LEAD

Foreign, Official Price 14-3/8 14-7/16

Foreign Official, 3 months 14-1/2 14-9/16

SPELTER

Ordinary, Official Price 13-9/16 13-5/8

Ordinary Official, 3 months 13-5/8 13-11/16

Final Afternoon Transactions

Tin, Standard, Cash, 2223 paid

and sellers.

Tin, Standard, 3 months 2220-3/4 paid and sellers.

New York Exchange

New York, Apr. 25 (Reuter).

T.T. on London (Opening Rate), 4.68-1/4.

Calcutta Exchange

Calcutta, April 25 (Reuter).

T.T. on Japan, 78-1/2.

## H.K. ENGINEERING &amp; CONSTRUCTION CO., LTD.

The following is the report of the Board of Directors of the Hongkong Engineering and Construction Co., Ltd., to be presented at the seventeenth ordinary yearly meeting of shareholders to be held at the offices of Messrs. Sir Elly Kadoorie and Sons, St. George's Building, Chater Road, Hongkong, on Wednesday, May 10, 1939, at 12 noon:

The net profit for the year, after charging \$40,815.10 for depreciation and providing for directors' and auditors' fees, amounts to \$8,530.72, to which has to be added the balance brought forward from last account, \$4,034.96, making a total of \$12,565.68, which it is recommended should be carried forward.

Directors—Mr. M. H. Lo and Mr. J. Scott Harston retire by rotation, and, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

Auditors—the accounts for the year have been audited by Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Mathews, Chartered Accountants, who, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

## LONDON GOLD

London, April 25 (Reuter).

Bar Gold, Fine per oz., 148/5/4.

Dollar, Parity.

## NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

## QUOTATION

STOCKS	Last Sale	STOCKS	Last Sale
Adams Express	164	Int. Tel. & Tel.	6 1/2
Allegheny Steel Co.	164	Johns Manville	72 1/2
Allied Stores	7 1/2	J. & Laughlin Steel 7 pfd.	36 1/2
Allis Chalmers	31 1/2	Kennecott Copper	30 1/2
Amerasia Corp.	83 1/2	Libbey-Owens-Ford Glass	39 1/2
Amer. Can.	89 1/2	Lockheed Aircraft	23 1/2
Amer. & Foreign Power	24	Low's Inc.	39 1/2
Amer. & Foreign 7 1/2 pfd.	14 1/2	Manhattan Shirt Co.	10 1/2
Amer. Gas & Elec.	33	Martin, Glen I.	32 1/2
Amer. Locomotive	17 1/2	McKesson, Robbins	—
Amer. Metals Co.	27 1/2	Monsanto Chemical	93
Amer. Radiator	11 1/2	Montgomery Ward	44 1/2
Amer. Rolling Mill	13 1/2	Nat. Dairy Products	15
Amer. Sling and Ring Co.	39 1/2	Nat. Distillers	24
Amer. Sugar Ref.	—	National Gypsum	11 1/2
Amer. Tel. & Tel.	158 1/2	National Lead	20 1/2
Amer. Tobacco "B"	81	Nat. Power & Light	7 1/2
Amer. Waterworks	94	National Steel Corp.	59
Anacosta Copper	22 1/2	Nat. Supply Corp.	8 1/2
Atchafalpa, T. & S. Fe.	26 1/2	New York Central	13 1/2
Auburn Motors	—	Niagara Hudson Power	8 1/2
Baltimore & Ohio	5	N. American Aviation	13 1/2
Barber Asphalt Co.	13	Northern Pacific	21 1/2
Barnsdall Oil	14	Northern Pacific	8
Bendix Aviation	20	Pacific Gas & Elec.	30
Bethlehem Steel	55 1/2	Pacific Lighting	44 1/2
Boeing Airplane Co.	21	Packard Motors	3 1/2
Borg-Warner	21 1/2	Paramount Pictures	8
Biggs Manufacturing	19	Pennsylvania R.R.	17 1/2
Brooklyn-Manhattan Trans.	11 1/2	Phelps-Dodge	29 1/2
B'klyn-Manhattan 8 1/2 cum pfd.	38 1/2	Phillips Petroleum	33 1/2
Canadian Pacific Rwy.	34	Public Service of N.J.	34 1/2
Case, J.I.	70 1/2	Pullman Inc.	25 1/2
Celanese	16 1/2	Pure Oil	25 1/2
Chesapeake & Ohio	31	Radio Corp. of Am.	7 1/2
Chrysler Corp.	62 1/2	Republic Steel	6 1/2
Columbia Gas & El.	54	Reynold Tobacco "B"	15 1/2
Columbia 6 1/2 "A" pfd.	83 1/2	Richfield Oil	7 1/2
Commercial	42 1/2	Safeway Stores	32 1/2
Commonwealth & S. (Ord.)	13 1/2	Schenley Distillers	13 1/2
Cwealth & S. 6 1/2 cum pfd.	53	Schenley 5 1/2 pfd.	70
Consolidated Edison	30	Sears Roebuck	65 1/2
Consolidated Oil	7 1/2	Serway Aircraft	4 1/2
Continental Can	38 1/2	Shell Union Oil	11 1/2
Continental Oil	23	Sookey-Vacuum Oil	11 1/2
Corn Products	55 1/2	Southern Pacific	12 1/2
Curtiss Wright (C.)	5	Southern Rly 5 1/2 pfd.	19
Curtiss Wright "A"	22 1/2	Sperry	38 1/2
Deere & Co.	17 1/2	Standard Brands	6
Distillers Corp. Seagrams	16 1/2	Stand Gas & Elec.	2 1/2
Douglas Aircraft	59	Standard Oil of California	26
Du Pont de Nemours	138 1/2	Standard Oil of N.J.	44 1/2
Eagle Picher Lead	8 1/2	Stone & Webster	10
Eaton Mfg. Co.	19 1/2	Swift International	27
Elec. Autolite	26 1/2	Technicolor	17 1/2
Elec. Bond & Share	7 1/2	Texas Corp.	36 1/2
Elec. Bond & Share 5 1/2 pfd.	—	Texas Gulf Sulphur	28
Elec. Bond & Share 5 1/2 pfd.	62	Trans-America Co.	52
Elec. Power & Light 7 1/2 pfd.	24 1/2	20th Cent. Fox	18 1/2
Flintkote	19	20th Cent. Fox 4 1/2 pfd.	—
Food Machinery Corp.	21 1/2	Union Carbide & Carbon	70
Gen. American Trans.	43	Union Pacific	88 1/2
Gen. Electric	34 1/2	United Aircraft	34 1/2
Gen. Motors	41 1/2	United Airlines Trans.	9 1/2
Gen. Railway Signal	16 1/2	United Corp.	24
Glidden Co.	15 1/2	United Corp. 3 1/2 cum pfd.	32
Goodrich (B.F.)	15 1/2	United Gas Corp.	32
Goodrich 5 1/2 pfd.	—	United Gas Improvement	11
Goodyear Tire & Co.	24 1/2	U.S. Rubber	35 1/2
Great Northern Iron Ore	12 1/2	U.S. Rubber 3 1/2 pfd.	93
Great Northern Rly. pfd.	18 1/2	U.S. Steel	46 1/2
Great Western Sugar	25 1/2	Vanadium	19 1/2
Greyhound Corp.	16 1/2	Warner Bros. Pict.	4 1/2
Hecker Products	9 1/2	Westinghouse Elec.	89 1/2
Homestake Mining	64	Woodward Iron Cor.	16 1/2
Industrial Rayon	18 1/2	Chase National Bank	—
International Harvester	54	National City Bank	—
Int. Nickel	45 1/2		

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## DOW JONES AVERAGE

1939	High	Low	Dow Jones Averages	Apr. 24	High	Low	Close	Change
1939	154.25	121.44	30 Industrials	137.24	135.53	137.03	137.28	0.05 up
	34.23	24.14	20 Utilities	24.69	23.75	25.52	25.59	0.10 up
	24.52	20.71	20 Bonds	22.74	22.23	22.05	22.15	0.09 up
	22.52	27.08	40 Commodity Index	22.07	22.07	22.07	22.07	0.00
	49.12	45.59	11 Commerce Index	47.08	47.08	47.08	47.08	0.00

Business Done—420,000 shares

## HONGKONG SHARE QUOTATIONS

STOCK EXCHANGE SHAREBROKERS' ASSOCIATION

Buyers	Sellers	Sales	Nominal	WED., 26. APR.	Buyers	Sellers	Sales	Nominal
				<b>Banks</b>				
				H.K. Banks				
				Do. (Col. Reg.)				11375
				Do. (Lon. Reg.)				234
				Chartered Banks				274
				Mercantile Bk. "A"				237
				Mercantile Bk. "C"				213
				Bank of East Asia				230
				N. C. & S. Banks				230
				<b>Insurance</b>				
				Union Insurance				230
				Union Insurance				230
				Underwriters				230
				H.K. Fire				230
				<b>Shipping</b>				
				Douglas				276
				Steamboats				216
				Indo-China (Pref.)				230
				Indo-China (Def.)				230
				Shells				X.D.
				Waterboats				230
				Docks, Wharves, Godowns, etc.				
				H.K. & K. Wharves				230
				Providents				230
				Providents (new)				230
				H.K. & W. Docks				230
				Do. (new)				230
				Shanghai Docks S.				230
				New Engineering S.				230
				<b>Mining</b>				
				Kuluan				17/0
				Rube				230
				Vancouver Gold Flds				230
				Hong Kong Mines				230
				4 cts.				230
				Lands, Hotels and				
				<b>Buildings</b>				
				H.K. Hotels				230
				H.K. Hotels				230
				Do. 4% Debenture				230
				Shanghai Lands S.				230
				H.K. Realities				230
				Humphreys				230
				Chinese Estates				230
				Cotton Mills				
				Evo (S.)				230
				Shai Cottons (S.)				230
				Zong Singa (S.)				230
				Wing On Textiles (S.)				230
				<b>Public Utilities</b>				
				Tramways				230
				Pak Trams (old)				19/0
				Pak Trams (new)				230
				Star Ferries				230
				Yuat Ferries (O)				C.D.
				Do. (new)				16/0
				China Lights (O)				230
				China Lights (New)				230
				China Lights (N)				230
				H.K. Electric				230
				Misco Electric				230
				Sandakan Lights				230
				Telephones (old)				230
				Telephones (new)				230
				Traction				230
				Traction (pref.)				230
				<b>Industrials</b>				
				Cald. Macg. (Ord.) S.				230
				Cald. Macg. (Pref.) S.				230
				Canton Ice				230
				Cement				230
				<b>Miscellaneous</b>				
				Bayer				230
				Dairy Farm K. K.				230
				Lury Farm K. K.				230
				Ch. Entertainment				230
				Constructions (old)				230
				Constructions (new)				230
				Lane Crawford				230
				Nanyang Tobacco				230
				Sacores				230
				Watson				230
				Ch. G. & 12505 3Bds.				230
				H.K. Govt. 3 1/2 % Loan				230
				H.K. Govt. 3 1/2 % Loan				230
				H.K. Wing On				230
				Shai Wing On				230
				Vibro Piling				230
				Marsmans Inv. (H.K.)				230
				Marsmans Inv. (Lon.)				230
				Wm. Powells				230
				Sales to Shanghai				230











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TERUKUNI MARU 19th May

HAKUSAN MARU 3rd June

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TOYAMA MARU 29th Apr.

TANGO MARU 9th May

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TUSIMA MARU 30th Apr.

LIMA MARU 10th May

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## SHIPPING

## DUE TO-DAY

Tai Poo Sek, French, 1,219 registered tons, Capt. J. Bonnamour, from K. C. Wan, a.m., at buoy No. C1.—Tel. 20093.

Helikon, British, 1,220 registered tons, Capt. W. Anderson, from Saigon, a.m., at buoy No. B?—Wo Fat Sing. (Tel. 20005).

Chak Sang, British, 1,470 registered tons, Capt. L. McRoe, from Shanghai and Swatow, a.m., at buoy No. B?—J. M. & Co. (Tel. 30311).

Haldis, British, 1,144 registered tons, Capt. A. Hall, from K. C. Wan, p.m., at buoy No. B?—Wo Fat Sing. (Tel. 20005).

Pres. Cleveland, American, 6,604 registered tons, Capt. W. O. Kohlmeier, from U.S.A., Honolulu and Japan, 3 p.m., at K'loon Wharf.—A.P.L. (Tel. 28171).

Pres. Van Buren, American, 6,103 registered tons, Capt. J. E. Murphy, from U.S.A., Honolulu and Japan, 4 p.m., at K'loon Wharf.—A.P.L. (Tel. 28171).

Jean, Laborde, French, 6,593 registered tons, Capt. R. Lamy, from Japan & S'hai, 3 p.m., at K'loon Wharf.—M. M. & Co. (Tel. 28651).

Canton, French, 978 registered tons, Capt. G. Charlot, from Halphong, a.m., at buoy No. B?—M. M. (Tel. 28651).

Lahore, British, 3,616 registered tons, Capt. G. S. Stables, from Moji, 6 a.m., at buoy No. A11.—M. M. & Co. (Tel. 27721).

Kaying, British, 1,572 registered tons, Capt. E. H. Histed, from Halphong, Fakhol and K. C. Wan, a.m., at buoy No. B?—B. & S. (Tel. 30331).

Canton, British, 9,254 registered tons, Capt. H. M. Jack, from S'hai, 3 p.m., at K'loon Wharf.—M. M. (Tel. 27721).

Kitano Maru, Japanese, 4,926 registered tons, Capt. Fukuda, from Japan, a.m., at buoy No. A?—N.Y.K. (Tel. 30291).

Anna Maersk, Danish, 3,345 registered tons, Capt. Hansen, from Manila, a.m., at buoy No. A?—Jensen & Co. (Tel. 31205).

Kweliang, British, 1,580 registered tons, Capt. D. Williams, from Bangkok, a.m., at buoy No. B?—B. & S. (Tel. 30331).

Friderun, German, 1,470 registered tons, Capt. G. Bloem, from Rhabul, a.m., at K'loon Wharf.—Melchers & Co. (Tel. 27721).

Glenfidd, British, 6,045 registered tons, Capt. Jollivet, from Europe and Straits, a.m., at Hol's Wharf.—J. M. & Co. (Tel. 30311).

Wing Wah for K. C. Wan, Proteus for Halphong, Tak Sang for Swatow, Hai Hing for S'hai, Bellerophon for S'hai, Macoma for Balikpapan, Pleasantville for Los Angeles, Canton Maru for Canton, Yu Sang for Halphong.

Emp. of Russia, British, 8,789 registered tons, Capt. J. F. Patrick, from Manila, at K'loon Wharf, for S'hai, Japan, Honolulu and Vancouver, 7 a.m.—C.P.S. (Tel. 20752).

Maui Sang, British, 2,063 registered tons, Capt. P. Jowitt, from buoy No. B22, for Sandakan, 10 a.m.—J. M. & Co. (Tel. 30311).

Chengtu, British, 1,338 registered tons, Capt. J. Taylor, from Swatow and S'hai, noon.—B. & S. (Tel. 30331).

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Hal Hing, Norwegian, 1,445 registered tons, Capt. E. R. Hannevig, from Amoy, at buoy No. C1.—Thoresen & Co. (Tel. 28037).

Tai Yuan, British, 2,100 registered tons, Capt. J. D. Fraser, from S'hai & S'hai, a.m., at buoy No. B21.—B. & S. (Tel. 30331).

Claus Rickmers, German, 3,170 registered tons, Capt. Prahm, from Europe and Manila, at K'loon Wharf.—Jensen & Co. (Tel. 31205).

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Aeneas, British, 6,253 registered tons, Capt. Marsham, from London and Straits, at Holt's Wharf.—B. & S. (Tel. 30331).

Rajputana, British, 9,455 registered tons, Capt. W. A. Cotching, from Europe and Straits, at K'loon Wharf.—M. M. & Co. (Tel. 27721).

Nanning, British, 1,482 registered tons, Capt. E. W. Richards, from Tsin & S'hai, at buoy No. B15.—B. & S. (Tel. 30331).

Pres. Van Buren, American, 6,103 registered tons, Capt. J. E. Murphy, from U.S.A., Honolulu and Japan, 4 p.m., at K'loon Wharf.—A.P.L. (Tel. 28171).

Jean, Laborde, French, 6,593 registered tons, Capt. R. Lamy, from Japan & S'hai, 3 p.m., at K'loon Wharf.—M. M. & Co. (Tel. 28651).

Canton, French, 978 registered tons, Capt. G. Charlot, from Halphong, a.m., at buoy No. B?—M. M. (Tel. 28651).

Lahore, British, 3,616 registered tons, Capt. G. S. Stables, from Moji, 6 a.m., at buoy No. A11.—M. M. & Co. (Tel. 27721).

Kaying, British, 1,572 registered tons, Capt. E. H. Histed, from Halphong, Fakhol and K. C. Wan, a.m., at buoy No. B?—B. & S. (Tel. 30331).

Canton, British, 9,254 registered tons, Capt. H. M. Jack, from S'hai, 3 p.m., at K'loon Wharf.—M. M. (Tel. 27721).

Kitano Maru, Japanese, 4,926 registered tons, Capt. Fukuda, from Japan, a.m., at buoy No. A?—N.Y.K. (Tel. 30291).

Anna Maersk, Danish, 3,345 registered tons, Capt. Hansen, from Manila, a.m., at buoy No. A?—Jensen & Co. (Tel. 31205).

Kweliang, British, 1,580 registered tons, Capt. D. Williams, from Bangkok, a.m., at buoy No. B?—B. & S. (Tel. 30331).

Friderun, German, 1,470 registered tons, Capt. G. Bloem, from Rhabul, a.m., at K'loon Wharf.—Melchers & Co. (Tel. 27721).

Glenfidd, British, 6,045 registered tons, Capt. Jollivet, from Europe and Straits, a.m., at Hol's Wharf.—J. M. & Co. (Tel. 30311).

Wing Wah for K. C. Wan, Proteus for Halphong, Tak Sang for Swatow, Hai Hing for S'hai, Bellerophon for S'hai, Macoma for Balikpapan, Pleasantville for Los Angeles, Canton Maru for Canton, Yu Sang for Halphong.

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Michael Jensen, Danish, 1,343 registered tons, Capt. R. Nielsen, from K'loon Wharf, for S'hai, noon.—Qlin Seng Hong. (Tel. 25291).

Chekliang, British, 1,313 registered tons, Capt. D. Brothie, from buoy No. B3, for Halphong, 1 p.m.—B. & S. (Tel. 30331).

Seistan, British, 1,571 registered tons, Capt. W. B. Patey, from Douglas Wharf, for Swatow, Amoy and Foochow, 4 p.m.—Douglas & Co. (Tel. 28037).

Agapenor, British, 4,657 registered tons, Capt. J. Millence, for S'hai and Japan, 7 a.m.—B. & S. (Tel. 30331).

Cremier, Dutch, 2,770 registered tons, Capt. Ahlers, from buoy No. A7, for S'hai, Penang, Belawan & Deli, 8 a.m.—J.C.F. Line. (Tel. 28015).

Rajputana, British, 9,455 registered tons, Capt. W. A. Cotching, from K'loon Wharf, for Straits, Marseilles and London, noon.—M. M. & Co. (Tel. 27721).

Jean Laborde, French, 6,593 registered tons, Capt. R. Lamy, from K'loon Wharf, for Saigon, S'hai and Marseilles, p.m.—M. M. (Tel. 28651).

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No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Vessel's Godown and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 1st May, will be subject to Rent.

All Claims against the Vessel must be presented to the Underwriter on or before the 15th May, or they will not be recognized.

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23rd April, 1939

## WISDEN'S ALMANACK

### Don Bradman Writes In 1938 Issue

"Wisden's Cricketers' Almanack" for 1939, the seventy-sixth successive issue of this famous annual first published by John Wisden, the Sussex Cricketer, from his Coventry Street sports outfitting shop in 1864, has come to hand. The new edition in its bright yellow jacket with its contrasting green band is a welcome herald of the 1939 cricket season.

Its 958 pages are as full of facts and figures as usual, and the articles are of particular interest. Don Bradman writes for the first time in "Wisden" and his "Cricket at the Cross Roads" is of outstanding importance.

He comments unfavourably on the doped wickets of to-day, saying that cricket should be so governed that time-limited matches are unnecessary, and explains how this could be done; he advocates a further change in the LBW law, and makes a special plea for more up-to-date scoring boards on the principal grounds in England.

He says "Cricket needs to retain its present followers and to gain new ones. Modern scoring-boards would be a big help, and any temporary loss would be recouped eventually through the turnstiles."

"CRICKET CONUNDRUMS"  
Arthur Gilligan, the former English captain, is fully qualified to write on "Cricket Conundrums," and in his article he submits some interesting posers and gives the correct answers. Do you know how few men can be dismissed for one ball bowled?

Frank Woolley of Kent, who retired from first class cricket at the end of last season, relates in a special article some of his experiences and some amusing happenings in the field, which is followed by a full statistical record of his career covering the period of 1906 to 1938. Another statistical feature is a table of batsmen who have scored more than 25,000 runs, and bowlers who have taken 1,500 or more wickets.

Successive Editors of "Wisden" have appealed for some restriction to be placed on the preparation of wickets, and, in agreement with Don Bradman, Mr. Willfrid H. Brookes, the present Editor, says in his Notes: "One may logically assume that unless the work of the groundman is to be controlled the aim to bring about more results by extending the number of days allotted to a Test match will once more be defeated."

ANOTHER FEATURE  
A portrait of Lord Hawke, and appreciations by Sir Stanley Jackson, Sir Francis Lacey and Mr. Hubert Preston are another feature of the new edition.

The revised form of "Wisden," with its new jacket, type face, Index and rearrangement of contents, started with last year's issue, has been continued as it met with universal approval, and an additional improvement is the special Index to the Cricket Records, and fuller than usual descriptions of the England-Australia Test Matches.

The "Five Cricketers of the Year" are H. T. Bartlett (Sussex), W. A. Brown (Australia), D. C. S. Compton (Middlesex), Kenneth Farnes (Essex) and A. Wood (Yorkshire). Portraits of these players, and short biographies of them form one of the most eagerly awaited features of the now universally known "Cricketers' Bible."

"Wisden" is published in limp linen covers at 5s. net, and in a strong cloth boards binding at 7s. 6d. net, by J. Whitaker and Sons, Ltd., 12, Warwick Lane, London, E.C. 4.

### CONTRACT BRIDGE AT K.C.C.

An enjoyable contract bridge tournament was held at the Kowloon Cricket Club on Tuesday night despite a disappointing attendance. Teams of East and West, and North and South were opposed, eight hands being played at each table. East and West won by the handsome margin of 9,200.

Scores were:

EAST AND WEST  
Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Gray, plus 4,840; Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Stokes, plus 4,110; P. E. Nash and A. Madar, plus 2,980; Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Keates, minus 2,740.

NORTH AND SOUTH  
Mr. Clark and Mr. Shields, minus 1,150; Mr. and Mrs. V. Lebrun, minus 1,470; Dr. Balaan and Miss S. Haynes, minus 3,110; and Mr. Spence and Mrs. E. Kella, minus 3,470.

## "COMPETITORS" RETAIN EWO TROPHY

The "Competitors," last year's winners in the Ewo League, retained the title when they beat the "Hongkong Wonders" at the Hongkong Bowling Alleys last night.

The match was closely contested, and the winners captured the title with only 243 points against their opponents.

The cup, donated by the Ewo Brewery Company, was presented to the champions by Mr. H. Odell, director of the Bowling Alleys.

The highest scorers of the match were Ernie Hearther, "Competitors," who contributed 854 points, while J. S. Landolt, of the "Hongkong Wonders," rolled 818 points for his side.

The scores were as follows:—

"Competitors":—Ernie Hearther 854, Dick Venezia 798, Doc Molthen 790, Dick Faggianno 769. Total, 3,211.

"Hongkong Wonders":—J. S. Landolt 818, L. Gaddi 735, A. Gollaud 724, M. Talan 691. Total, 2,968.

### SOME TEAMS FOR THIS WEEK

#### RECREIO TEAMS

The following have been selected to represent Recreio in the Lawn Bowls League games on Saturday:

v. K.B.C.C. (Home)  
C. M. Silva, J. F. V. Ribeiro, L. J. Silva, F. X. M. Silva (skip).

J. Luz, A. P. Guterres, R. F. Luz, H. A. Alves (skip).

L. F. Xavier, C. E. Marques, J. E. Noronha, C. G. Silva (skip).

v. C.C.C. (Away)  
L. A. Gutierrez, D. C. Alves, C. R. Pereira, B. Basto (skip).

C. C. Pereira, A. M. Xavier, E. Sousa, F. X. Soares (skip).

F. Machado, C. H. Basto, F. V. V. Ribeiro, J. J. Basto (skip).

v. K.C.C. (Home)  
J. C. Remedios, A. Rodrigues, J. R. Soares, O. F. Remedios (skip).

M. Alarcon, F. A. Xavier, C. Vas. C. A. Lopes (skip).

L. Leon, M. A. Carvalho, C. M. S. Alves, P. Vyanovich (skip).

I.R.C. TEAM  
The following is the I.R.C. Senior team for Saturday:—

"K.C.C. (Home)  
J. Hoesen, S. M. Rumjahn, A. R.

## U.S. BASEBALL LEAGUE

NEW YORK, Apr. 26 (Reuter).—The following were the results of matches played in the Major Baseball League yesterday:

### NATIONAL LEAGUE

	R	H	E
Cincinnati	5	13	0
St. Louis	1	10	1

(Myers homered for the Reds).

Boston	2	7	1
Brooklyn	3	5	1

New York	1	5	1
Philadelphia	8	12	0

(Brack homered for the Phillies).

Pittsburgh	3	8	0
Chicago	5	10	0

### AMERICAN LEAGUE

Philadelphia	4	8	4
New York	8	13	0

(Eten homered for the Athletics and Selkirk for the Yankees).

Washington	5	10	3
Boston	6	9	1

(Eleven innings were played. Fox homered for the Red Sox).

St. Louis	7	12	2
Detroit	2	6	0

Chicago	1	4	0
Cleveland	7	12	2

(Campbell homered twice for the Indians).

### KOWLOON TONG BOWLS TEAM

The following will represent Kowloon Tong Club in a League match against Kowloon Football Club at Kowloon Tong's Green on Saturday:—

C. Mose, J. Tang, J. L. Stephens, A. Spary (skip).

A. E. Castro, Y. Abbas, A. J. Kew, A. H. Basto (skip).

J. N. Wong, T. M. Gregory, W. J. Howard, H. Gittins (skip).

Minu, A. K. Minu (skip).

D. M. Khan, A. M. Wahab, M. Y. Adal, A. R. Dallah (skip).

A. N. Rumjahn, A. Baker, A. O. Madar, M. R. Abbas (skip).

## ADVERTISED SAILING FROM H.K.

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Carthage, P. & O., May 13.  
City of Athens, Bank Line, May 14.  
Menestheus, B. & S., May 17.  
Bangalore, P. & O., May 20.

Malta  
Canton, P. & O., April 29.  
Regensburg, Melchers, May 6.  
Carthage, P. & O., May 13.

Marseilles  
Jean Laborde, Messageries, April 27.  
Pres. Van Buren, A. P. Lines, April 28.  
Canton, P. & O., April 29.

Hector, B. & S., May 3.  
Suva Maru, N. Y. K., May 5.  
Regensburg, Melchers, May 6.

Franken, Melchers, May 12.  
Mar. Joffre, Messageries, May 12.  
Pres. Harrison, A. P. Lines, May 12.

Carthage, P. & O., May 13.  
Menestheus, B. & S., May 17.  
Bangalore, P. & O., May 20.

Oran  
Pres. Van Buren, A. P. Lines, April 28.  
Suva Maru, N. Y. K., May 5.  
Pres. Harrison, A. P. Lines, May 12.

Shantung Gilman's, April 28.  
Sontay, Messageries, May 2.  
Franken, Melchers, May 12.

Oslo  
Shantung Gilman's, April 28.

Fenau  
Cremar, J. C. J. Line, April 27.  
Pres. Van Buren, A. P. Lines, April 28.  
Canton, P. & O., April 29.

Hector, B. & S., May 3.  
Regensburg, Melchers, May 6.  
Suva Maru, N. Y. K., May 5.

Santia, B. I. (Apar), May 6.  
Glenapp, Jardine's, May 6.  
Hector, B. & S., May 3.

Suwa Maru, N. Y. K., May 5.  
Regensburg, Melchers, May 6.  
Glenapp, Jardine's, May 6.

Abbecker, J. C. J. Line, May 10.  
Van Heutz, J. C. J. Line, May 11.  
Pres. Harrison, A. P. Lines, May 12.

Carthage, P. & O., May 13.  
Kutans, Jardine's, May 13.  
Menestheus, B. & S., May 17.

Talma, B. I. (Apar), May 20.  
Bangalore, P. & O., May 20.

Flymouth  
Canton, P. & O., April 29.  
Carthage, P. & O., May 13.

Port Said  
Jean Laborde, Messageries, April 27.  
Shantung Gilman's, April 28.  
Pres. Van Buren, A. P. Lines, April 28.

Canton, P. & O., April 29.  
C/Biancamano, L. Triestino, April 29.  
Kina, E. A. Co., May 2.

Hector, B. & S., May 3.  
Suwa Maru, N. Y. K., May 5.  
Regensburg, Melchers, May 6.

Glenapp, Jardine's, May 6.  
Abbecker, J. C. J. Line, May 10.  
Conte Rosso, L. Triestino, May 12.

Franken, Melchers, May 12.  
Mar. Joffre, Messageries, May 12.  
Pres. Harrison, A. P. Lines, May 12.

Carthage, P. & O., May 13.  
Menestheus, B. & S., May 17.  
Bangalore, P. & O., May 20.

Port Sudan  
Shantung Gilman's, April 28.  
Canton, P. & O., April 29.

Regensburg, Melchers, May 6.  
Teiresias, B. & S., May 3.  
Carthage, P. & O., May 13.

Bangalore, P. & O., May 20.  
Hector, B. & S., May 3.  
Santia, B. I. (Apar), May 6.

Glenapp, Jardine's, May 6.  
Abbecker, J. C. J. Line, May 10.  
Menestheus, B. & S., May 17.

Talma, B. I. (Apar), May 20.  
Hangoon  
Tusima Maru, N. Y. K., April 30.

Santia, B. I. (Apar), May 6.  
Hector, B. & S., May 3.  
Lima Maru, N. Y. K., May 10.

Talma, B. I. (Apar), May 20.  
Rotterdam  
Ramses, Jacobsen, April 29.

Kina, E. A. Co., May 2.  
Hector, B. & S., May 3.  
Regensburg, Melchers, May 6.

Glenapp, Jardine's, May 6.  
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Kulmerland, Jacobsen, May 7.

Abbecker, J. C. J. Line, May 10.  
Franken, Melchers, May 12.  
City of Athens, Bank Line, May 14.

Menestheus, B. & S., May 17.  
Bangalore, P. & O., May 20.

Norwegian Ports  
Shantung Gilman's, April 28.  
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Kina, E. A. Co., May 2.  
Lahore, P. & O., April 27.

Cremar, J. C. J. Line, April 27.  
Jean Laborde, Messageries, April 27.

Shantung Gilman's, April 28.  
Pres. Van Buren, A. P. Lines, April 28.

Ramses, Jacobsen, April 29.  
Canton, P. & O., April 29.

C/Biancamano, L. Triestino, April 29.  
Tusima Maru, N. Y. K., April 30.

Montevideo Maru, O. S. K., April 30.  
Kina, E. A. Co., May 2.

Hector, B. & S., May 3.  
Brooklyn Maru, O. S. K., May 4.

Suwa Maru, N. Y. K., May 5.  
Tegelberg, J. C. J. Line, May 5.

Arabia Maru, O. S. K., May 6.  
Regensburg, Melchers, May 6.

Glenapp, Jardine's, May 6.  
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Abbecker, J. C. J. Line, May 10.  
Teiresias, B. & S., May 3.

Tango Maru, N. Y. K., May 5.  
Hector, B. & S., May 3.

Abbecker, J. C. J. Line, May 10.  
Van Heutz, J. C. J. Line, May 11.

Conte Rosso, L. Triestino, May 12.  
Franken, Melchers, May 12.

Mar. Joffre, Messageries, May 12.  
Pres. Harrison, A. P. Lines, May 12.

Carthage, P. & O., May 13.  
Bangalore, P. & O., May 20.

Tangier  
Canton, P. & O., April 29.

Carthage, P. & O., May 13.  
U.K. and Continent  
Abbecker, J. C. J. Line, May 10.

City of Athens, Bank Line, May 14.

## FOREIGN MAILS

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, 27th APRIL, 1939, 9.30 A.M.

Registered and Ordinary mail & Parcels (not insured) will be accepted for Canton and despatched as circumstances permit.

Letters and Postcards for Europe (except Great Britain and Eire) and South America are forwarded "via Siberia" if so superinscribed.

### INWARD MAILS

From		Due
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 22nd April.	Imperial Airways Plane	27th April
Haiphong, Pakhoi and Fort Bayard	Kaying.....	27th April
Japan	Lahore.....	27th April
Haiphong	Can.....	27th April
Japan and Shanghai	Jean Laborde....	27th April
U. S. A., "Honolulu and Japan— (San Francisco date, 1st April).	Pres. Van Buren.....	27th April
U. S. A., "Honolulu and Japan— (San Francisco date, 7th April).	Pres. Cleveland....	27th April
Shanghai	British M/V Canton.....	27th April
Rabaul	Friderun.....	28th April
Bangkok	Kweiyang.....	28th April
Japan	Kitano Maru.....	28th April
Manila	Anna Maersk.....	28th April
Shanghai and Swatow	Klungchow.....	29th April
Shanghai and Swatow	Liangchow.....	29th April
Japan	Toyama Maru.....	29th April
Japan	Montevideo Maru.....	29th April
Japan	Tusima Maru.....	29th April
Shanghai	Conte.....	29th April
	Biancamano.....	29th April
Air Mail by "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 21st April.	<del>Pan American Airways plane</del>	30th April
Shanghai and Amoy	Tjinegara.....	30th April
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 26th April.	Imperial Airways Plane	1st May
Calcutta and Straits	Kumsang.....	1st May
Shanghai	Hector.....	2nd May
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan & Shanghai (San Francisco date, 30th Mar.).	Tatuta Maru.....	2nd May
Straits	Van Heutsz.....	2nd May
Saigon	Loos.....	2nd May
Japan	Nellore.....	3rd May
Japan	Bantha.....	4th May
Java	Tjiselak.....	5th May
Straits	Haruna Maru.....	5th May
Straits	Conte Rosso.....	5th May
Shanghai	Glenapp.....	5th May
Straits	Pyrrihus.....	5th May
Japan	Arabia Maru.....	5th May
Australia and Manila.....	Tanda.....	5th May
Canada, U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan & Shanghai (Vancouver B.C., date 14th April).	Emp. of Japan.....	6th May
Shanghai	Gnelsenau.....	6th May